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No. 1.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **6th** day of **July**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. M°Garel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.	John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	Lt.-Col. Lord Frederick John FitzRoy.
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William Henry Dalton, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.	George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	John Jones, Esq.	George Brown, Esq.
Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	Robert Jones, Esq.
John Robert Jolly, Esq.	Edward John Thompson, Esq.	Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.
George Edwards, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.	Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
Robert Furniss, Esq.	James Richard Lloyd, Esq.	Alfred Pocock, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.		Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
William Debenham, Esq.		James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 29th June last, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. A Deputation from the Vestry of Chelsea, introduced by Mr. Cox, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz., Mr. C. Mossop, Mr. E. Kingsbury, Mr. G. W. Osborn, and Mr. W. Davidge, accompanied by Mr. J. E. Salway, the Clerk, and Mr. G. H. Stayton, the Surveyor to the Vestry, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, as follows—

In the matter of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill, (No. 1)

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Chelsea,

Sheweth—

That your Memorialists have learned with much regret and surprise that your Honourable Board has presented to the House of Commons, without any previous notice to or communication with your Memorialists, a Petition against the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Confirmation Bill, in so far as it affects the Parish of Chelsea; and that several of the allegations contained in the said Petition are not in accordance with the facts.

That, by Section 31 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882, your Memorialists are constituted the "Local Authority" of the Parish of Chelsea. Your Memorialists therefore claim to be entitled to be the sole authority in regard to the Parish which they represent, and respectfully submit that the action of your Honourable Board in the present instance is an unintentional usurpation of the powers intended by Parliament to be exercised by your Memorialists.

That your Memorialists, as the "Local Authority," having been invested by the Legislature with certain powers and duties, have not ceased to take the deepest interest in the drafting of the Provisional Order now incorporated in the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation Bill (No. 1), and with a view to obtain the insertion therein, in the interests of the Parish of Chelsea, of thoroughly practicable and equitable provisions, have been represented in various conferences with the Board of Trade and the Promoters.

That during the negotiations which have ensued from these conferences, your Memorialists have taken care to acquaint your Board of all the more important alterations which have from time to time been sought, which alterations were embodied in the "observations," addressed to your Honourable Board on the 19th February last, and embraced many of the points of objection now raised by your Honourable Board in their Petition against the Bill.

That your Memorialists regard with grave concern the step taken by your Honourable Board, inasmuch as, if persisted in, its probable effect will be to prevent the passing, during the present Session, of the said Bill, and so to defer the introduction of Electric Lighting into the Parish of Chelsea for at least two years.

That your Memorialists are of opinion that the establishment and exercise of a divided responsibility and authority have generally a mischievous tendency, and are productive of unseemly litigation and conflict between public bodies.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honourable Board will see fit, either to withdraw the said Petition, or so to amend the same that all reference to the Parish of Chelsea may be excluded therefrom.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Given under the Common Seal of the Vestry of Chelsea this third day of July, 1883.

L. S.

(Signed) J. EISDELL SALWAY, Vestry Clerk.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Dresser Rogers, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration and report.

3. Mr. Jolly handed in a Memorial, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Local Board of Health for the District of Woolwich,

Sheweth—

1.—That your Memorialists desire to invite your Honourable Board's attention to the several representations made by them upon the subject of the urgent necessity which exists for providing a means of inter-communication between the Northern and Southern sides of the River Thames at Woolwich, and especially to their Memorial dated 3rd November, 1882, which was presented by a Deputation, and a copy of which Memorial is annexed hereto.

2.—That most urgent representations are continually being made to your Memorialists as to the necessity for providing some means of communication between the two sides of the River in this locality, both on the grounds of the safety of human life, and the necessities of commerce.

3.—That in the event of your Honourable Board not feeling disposed at this time to construct a Subway, your Memorialists would most respectfully, but most strongly, urge the necessity of providing a Steam ferry for passengers, vehicles, cattle, &c., which could be done at a comparatively small cost, and without any delay, and would, in the opinion of your Memorialists, meet the requirements of this part of the Metropolis for probably the next twenty or thirty years.

4.—Your Memorialists enclose a Plan and Estimate of a proposed Steam ferry which has been prepared by their Surveyor, from which it will be observed that the cost is estimated at £41,890. They would also respectfully draw attention to the suggestion in Sir Joseph Bazalgette's Report of 19th August, 1882, page 15, to the effect that—"Ferries might be

"established, at comparatively small cost, to accommodate the local traffic at intermediate "points where the approaches would not justify the construction of a permanent crossing."

5.—Your Memorialists respectfully request that, in the event of the subject being referred to a Committee of your Honourable Board, they may be allowed an opportunity of appearing before such Committee to explain their views more fully upon this very important subject.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Signed by Order and on behalf of the said Local Board of Health, at the Town Hall, Woolwich, this 26th day of June, 1883.

(Signed) ANDREW C. REED,
Clerk.

The Plan and Estimate referred to were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Jolly, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial, Plan, and Estimate be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which they relate, and that the Committee be authorised to receive a Deputation from the Local Board, if necessary.

4. Mr. Harris handed in a Letter, as follows—

St. Saviour's District Board of Works,
Board-room, Emerson-street, Bankside, Southwark, S.E.,
5th July, 1883.

Sir,—In a recent Report to this Board Mr. Bianchi, the Medical Officer of Health, has called attention to the numerous complaints which have been received of offensive smells arising from the Sewer in Union-street, and has suggested that in order to abate the same ventilating shafts should be connected therewith, and carried above the house tops.

This Board has adopted, with salutary effects, the means suggested, in connection with one of its Local Sewers, and would respectfully request that shafts of a similar description may be erected in Union-street, in order to carry off the noxious gases.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) W. H. ATKINS,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

5. Mr. Munro handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of the Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town,
Office, Vestry-hall, Bancroft-road, Mile-end-road, E.,
3rd July, 1883.

Dear Sir,—By the Great Eastern Railway Act, 1881, Sec. 13, it is in effect provided that if within four months after receiving notice from the Company of their intention to proceed with the improvement of their line over the road at the junction of Morpeth-street and Devonshire-street, in this Hamlet, the Vestry should by Resolution require the Company to pull down the existing Bridge carrying the Railway over the road there, and to construct a new Bridge, and should further agree to contribute half the extra cost occasioned (such half not to exceed £1,000), the Company should pull down the existing Bridge and re-build the new one so that it shall have a head-way, for the full width thereof, of 15 feet, and a clear span of 34 feet, throughout its entire length.

The Company some time since served notice of their intention to proceed, and at their last Meeting the Vestry passed Resolutions requiring the Company so to pull down and re-build, and agreeing to contribute, as provided by the Act.

The headway of the present Bridge is only 13 feet in the centre of the arch, and the cost of the work was estimated by the Company to be about £5,000.

The Bridge is quite close to the Devonshire-street depôt, to which there is a very large traffic from all parts of London, but from the East-end parishes particularly; and the traffic

will certainly be greatly increased upon the opening of the passenger Station now in progress in Devonshire-street, almost contiguous to the Bridge.

The height of the present Bridge is a source of great danger, and there have been numerous accidents, and one man actually killed through being knocked off his van when trying to pass under the arch.

The Vestry would have liked to have compelled the Company to execute the Improvement wholly at the Company's cost, but the Vestry felt that the principle had been decided by the Committee of the House of Commons in 1876, in the case of the Grove-road Bridge, and that it was useless to try to upset that.

That case was brought to the notice of the Metropolitan Board of Works in 1880, when the Board agreed to contribute, and have since paid half the amount, which was provided by the Act of 1876 to be paid by the Vestries of Bethnal-green and Mile-end.

I am directed to lay the present matter before the Metropolitan Board of Works, and to ask that they will contribute to the amount to be paid by the Vestry, as the matter is almost identical in all its features with that of the Grove-road Bridge.

Will you be good enough to bring the matter before your Board.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) MILLNER JUTSUM,
Clerk to the Vestry.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

6. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Paddington,
Vestry-hall, Harrow-road,
5th July, 1883.

Railway Ventilators.

Dear Sir,—I have to inform you that the Vestry, at its last Meeting, passed a Resolution concurring in the action taken by the Metropolitan Board of Works with reference to the above.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) FRANK DETHRIDGE,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

7. Mr. Ingoldby handed in a Letter, as follows—

Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex,
Vestry Clerk's Office, Vestry-hall, City-road, E.C.,
4th July, 1883.

Bath-street and Lever-street Improvement.

Sir,—I am directed by the Vestry to ask the Board's sanction to an arrangement come to between the Vestry and the Hand-in-Hand Fire Insurance Office for deferring the re-payment of the sum of £4,675, due in December next, for a further period of two years from that date.

The Loan was originally sanctioned by the Board on 15th March, 1878.

On the 15th July, 1881 (p. 104, par. No. 6), the Board consented to a postponement of the re-payment for a period of two years, and this period will expire in a few months' time, and before it is likely the Vestry will be in possession of funds from the sale of the surplus land.

I beg to enclose copy Letter I have received from the Office in question, agreeing to the proposal.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) G. W. PRESTON,
Vestry Clerk.

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works.
Spring-gardens, S.W.

Hand-in-Hand Fire and Life Office,
New Bridge-street, corner of Queen Victoria-street, London,
27th June, 1883.

LOAN, £4,675.

DEAR SIR,—I have forwarded your Letter to me of the 21st instant to our Solicitors, with an intimation that the Board agree (subject to the Vestry paying our Solicitor's charges) to extend the period of re-payment for a further Two years, the Vestry having the option of re-paying at any time within that limit, on giving Three months' previous notice.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) R. BLENKINSOP,
Secretary.

G. W. Preston, Esq.,
Vestry-hall, City-road, E.C.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

8. Mr. Tolhurst brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 3rd July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 16th June, 1883			£521,624 16 3	
Receipts since that Date, as per Statement presented this day			158,730 8 –	
			£680,355 4 3	
Payments since 16th June, 1883			465,225 6 6	
Balance on 30th June, 1883 { viz.: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£220,704 4 6			
Less Cheques not presented	5,574 6 9			
				£215,129 17 9

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance on 16th June, 1883	£1,415 3 4			
Receipts since that Date	5,123 12 2			
		£6,538 15 6		
Payments since 16th June, 1883		5,518 10 7		
Balance on 30th June, 1883 ... { viz.: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£1,054 16 –			
Less Cheques not presented	34 11 1			1,020 4 11
Total Cash Balances on 30th June, 1883				**£216.150 2 8**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 16th June, 1883.*		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 30th June, 1883.*		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
Working Accounts—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General	139,450 3 –	...	91,142 7 4	25,107 6 2	73,415 1 10	...	12 5 4
Fire Brigade ...	1,049 17 7	...	465 6 2	4,113 6 7	4,697 18 –	...	97 15 2
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	779,884 12 11	...	347,615 13 3	...	432,268 19 8	...
Fire Brigade ...	18,052 8 2	...	...	760 7 8	18,812 15 10	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	49,141 14 –	...	49 – –	2,442 13 4	51,535 7 4	...	4,055 15
Albert Embankment	65 14 –	...	...	...	65 14 –	...	...
Wapping and other Improvements	122 19 8	...	...	6 15 –	129 14 8	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	91 17 6	...	...	...	91 17 6	...	...
Sun Street Improvement	201 13 1	...	...	...	201 13 1	...	...
Metropolis Bridges (Act of 1877)	...	36,031 6 9	555 13 1	3,568 6 8	...	33,018 13 2	..
Do. (Act of 1881) ...	10,889 9 11	...	...	23,960 6 9	34,849 16 8	...	9,284 2 10
Street Improvements (Act of 1877)	192,584 19 10	...	...	37,349 6 8	229,934 6 6	...	17,960 8 1
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	10,817 15 3	...	...	2,244 11 6	13,062 6 9	...	1,477 4
Thames Floods Prevention	3,050 19 4	...	...	95 19 7	3,146 18 11	...	...
Parks and Open Spaces	509 8 7	...	...	219 17 9	729 6 4	...	...
Miscellaneous—							
Firemen's Savings Fund	166 5 –	...	...	6 19 3	173 4 3	...	...
Consolidated Loans Fund	...	111,507 11 10	59,928 – 4	13,595 14 2	...	157,839 18 –	198,785 7 10
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	...	20,396 9 8	6,590 1 1	4,138 2 2	...	22,848 8 7	12,180 17 9
	426,195 4 11	947,820 1 2	158,730 8 –	465,225 6 6	430,846 1 8	645,975 19 5	343,853 16
	£521,624 16 3				£215,129 17 9		

INVESTMENTS.

Firemen's Savings Fund	£3,820 8 5	... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED, from the 18th to 30th June, 1883—

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Assessments—		
Camberwell £11,185 14 4		
Charterhouse ... ... 156 17 –		
Clerkenwell 4,331 14 7		
Furnival's-inn... ... ... 24 8 1		
Kensington 21,957 6 4		
Lambeth 17,211 9 6		
Lewisham ... ... 7,130 15 –		
Lincoln's-inn ... ... 230 – –		
Mile-end 4,449 13 4		
St. Marylebone 18,358 12 9		
St. Saviour's 4,030 17 11		
Woolwich 1,597 19 6		
	90,665 8 4	
Fees—		
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act) ... ... £4 5 –		
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act) 244 6 6		
„ Gas-meter testing 54 3 6		
„ Explosives Act ... ... 2 18 –		
„ Petroleum licenses ... ... 22 5 –		
	327 18 –	
Fines—		
Re Bye-laws	3 10 –	
Costs recovered—		
Re Loans ... ... £29 7 –		
„ Leases ... ... 69 17 –		
„ Rent ... ... 4 4 –		
„ Bye-laws ... ... – 19 –		
	104 7 –	
Proceeds of sales of carcases—		
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act	27 10	
Plans, &c., sold	2 14 10	
Transfer from *Metropolis Bridges*, 1877, *Account*, in repayment of advances...	10 18 6	
		91,142 7 4

FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.

Contributions from Insurance Companies	304 4 2	
Contributions from men towards rent	95 8 –	
Chimney-fire penalties...	50 7 6	
Attendance at ex-metropolitan fires	10 8	
Refund of cost of damage to float "Dodo" by barge	4 18 1	
		465 6
Carried forward		£91,607 13 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		91,607 13 6
MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
Refund of cost of supervision of works at Dowgate-dock sewer... ...		49 - -
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
Rent...	1,950 5 3	
Loans—		
Interest £25,440 9 1		
Re-payment 9,335 16 7		
	34,776 5 8	
Sales—		
Camberwell ... ... £180 - -		
Great Eastern-street ... ... 9,000 - -		
Queen Victoria-street... ... ... 8,064 - -		
Old stores, &c. ... ... 300 - -		
	17,544 - -	
Interest on cash balances	5,655 9 1	
Proportion of rates from outgoing tenants—		
Re No. 21, Rupert-street ... ... £- 7 6		
„ No. 20, Bloomsbury-street 1 12 10		
	2 - 4	
		59,928 - 4
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Rent	240 1 1	
Sales—		
Essex-road ... ... £3,350 - -		
Bowman's-buildings ... ... 3,000 - -		
	6,350 - -	
		6,590 1 1
METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1877.		
Rent	86 18 1	
Justices of the Peace for the county of Middlesex—		
One-quarter's contribution towards the maintenance of bridges ...	300 - -	
South Eastern Railway Co.—		
One-quarter's charge, under Captain Galton's award, in respect of difference in value of tolls on Deptford-creek Bridge (Vic. *I.*, cap. 120, and *XL.*, and *XLI.*, cap. 99)	168 15 -	
		555 13 1
		£158,730 8 -

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £15,797 14s. 5d., be paid.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors, in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures, and for expenses of Shoring and Hoarding, and they recommend—

That the necessary Orders be made with respect to the same.

On the 23rd December, 1881 (No. 5), the Board directed that, in lieu of separate Cheques being drawn for the Officers' Salaries, an Order should be made upon the Treasurer to pay the respective amounts due, on presentation of the official receipts issued to the several Officers, and this system of payment was to remain in operation for a period of Six months, and at the end of that time the result was to be reported to the Board. On the 7th July, 1882 (No. 4), a Report was presented to the Board to the effect that the mode of payment had worked well, and had effected a great saving in time and expense, and the Board then directed that the same course of payment should be continued for a further period of Twelve months. That period having now expired, and your Committee having ascertained, as the result of Eighteen months' experience, that the system continues to work satisfactorily, they recommend—

That the present system of paying the Officers' Salaries by Orders on the Treasurer, instead of by Cheques, be continued during the pleasure of the Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letters from the Fulham District Board, stating that the Improvement in Blythe-lane, Hammersmith, had been completed, and requesting payment of this Board's promised contribution thereto, referred by the Board on the 16th March last (No. 39), and 29th ultimo (No. 44). The Board, on the 24th November, 1882 (No. 3), agreed to pay one-half of the cost of effecting the Improvement, on the usual Certificates of their Officers of its completion and cost. Certificates having been submitted to your Committee to the effect that the work has been completed, at a cost of £740 for the land added to the public-way, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £370 in favour of the District Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, asking for permission to borrow, and for the advance of, £14,300 for wood-paving works, referred by the Board on the 11th May last (No. 47). The Vestry propose to lay down about 36,176 yards of wood-paving, upon concrete foundations, in St. Martin's-lane, St. Martin's-place, Trafalgar-square, Charing-cross, Cockspur-street, Whitehall, and the Strand, at an estimated cost of £14,259 18s., after crediting the value of the old granite stones to be removed. Your Engineer reports the price to be reasonable for the work, but that, having regard to the large amount of omnibus and heavy carriage traffic passing daily along the whole of the thoroughfares, the wood-paving may not last longer than Five years, and your Committee have therefore adopted that period instead of Seven years—the term for the re-payment of the Loan requested by the Vestry—and have limited the Loan to £14,200. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, for permission to borrow, and for the advance of £14,300, for wood-paving works, be granted to the extent of £14,200; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up by the middle of August next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April, and July, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within Five years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Vestry of St. Luke, for a Loan of £2,300 for granite-paving works, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 14). The Vestry propose to pave Lever-street with re-dressed granite cubes, 6 inches by 3 inches, laid upon a concrete foundation 6 inches in thickness, at an estimated

cost (for 3,833 yards at 12s. per yard) of £2,300, which your Engineer considers to be fair and reasonable. Your Committee see no objection to the Board making the advance, and they therefore recommend—

> That the application of the Vestry of St. Luke, for an advance of £2,300 to defray the cost of granite-paving works, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April and July, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July within Twelve years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Lambeth, stating with reference to the Loan of £10,000 advanced to them by the Board for foot-way paving works, that the Vestry proposed to substitute Victoria for York stone, referred by the Board on the 1st ultimo (No. 37). On the 21st March last (No. 39) the Vestry applied for permission to borrow £10,000 in 1883, and £10,000 in 1884, for foot-way, kerb, and channel paving works. The details of the works, as stated by the Vestry, consisted of about 291,060 superficial feet of 2½-inch York stone foot-way paving, and certain granite kerb and channel, and the Board, on the recommendation of your Committee, agreed to lend the £10,000 to defray the cost of that part of the works, intended to be carried out during the present year. The Resolution of the Board states specifically that York stone was to be used, and the Treasury sanction to the Loan was applied for they were informed to that effect. Your Solicitor in preparing the Mortgage deed also stated therein that York stone was to be used, and the Mortgage having been executed, the money was paid over to the Vestry on the 25th May last. Under these circumstances, and without entering into the question of the relative merits and cost of York and Victoria stone, your Committee do not consider it desirable that the Board should consent to the substitution of Victoria for York stone, and they recommend that the Vestry be so informed.

In accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 29th ultimo (No. 34), your Committee have considered the application of the St. Giles District Board, for a further Loan of £7,500. On the 2nd March last (No. 6) the Board permitted the District Board to borrow the sum of £15,000, towards defraying the cost of Asphalte-paving works, and advanced them £7,500, part thereof, and the District Board now request that the second moiety may be advanced. Your Committee see no objection to the application, and they therefore recommend—

> That the application of the St. Giles District Board, for a further advance of £7,500, t defray the cost of Asphalte-paving works, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, January, April, and July, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments, on each 1st July, within Seven years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Managers of the South Metropolitan School District, for a further Loan of £5,000, for certain alterations and additions at their School, at Hanwell, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 54). It is stated that the Order of the Local Government Board, authorising the raising of the Loan has been already issued, and your Committee, seeing no objection to the advance being made, recommend—

> That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Managers of the South Metropolitan School District for a further Loan of £5,000 for certain alterations and additions at their School at Hanwell be complied with, that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up by the 1st August next, interest bein

charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April, and July, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments, on each 1st July, within Ten years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

On the 22nd ultimo (No. 66), the Board drew Cheques in favour of the Bank of England for £6,807 4s. 8d. for interest, and £341,000 for principal, in respect of the Main Drainage Loan, due on the 1st instant. Your Committee have now to report that the Cheques were paid to the Bank on the 30th ultimo, and they beg to submit the Main Drainage Bonds redeemed, which they have caused to be cancelled.

Your Committee have to report that the Firemen's Savings Fund Account has been overdrawn to the extent of £173 4s. 3d., and that it is therefore necessary that £200 of the Metropolitan Three-and-a-half per Cent. Consolidated Stock belonging to that Fund should be sold in order to place the Account in funds, and they accordingly recommend that course for adoption.

Your Committee recommend—

That the under-mentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled—

Street Improvements, 1877.

No. 5769.	1883.	February 26th.	Brown, C., and Mrs. A.	£100	0 0
„ 5770.	„	„	Foster, C. T.	5	5 0

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN TOLHURST,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
DONALD MUNRO,
W. H. DALTON.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GRIFFITHS, J. W.—(1390)—			
2538	Cleaning tubes and flues, &e., of boilers at Abbey Mills pumping-station, May, 1883	11 – –	
NEW RIVER CO.—(1412)—			
2539	Forty hydrants, parish of Shoreditch, November, 1882, to January, 1883	682 10 1	
HORTON, B., AND SON—(1361)—			
2540	Fencing, &c., at Hampstead-heath and Plumstead-common, March, 1883	27 5 5	
MESTON, J. F.—(1359)—			
2541	Trees for Hackney commons, March, 1883	4 – –	
BUCKLEY, T. H. W.—(1353)—			
2542	Poles for trees, Plumstead and Tooting commons, March and April, 1883	5 15 –	
WOODCOCK, W.—(1354)—			
2543	Hire of horse and man for watering trees, Hackney commons, May, 1883	5 10 –	
HOBMAN, A. T., AND SON—(1355)—			
2544	Carting-work, &e, Southwark-park, May, 1883	18 – –	
BUDD, H. W.—(1356)—			
2545	Carting-work, &e., Blackheath, January to April, 1883	18 10 –	
DOLTON, BOURNES AND DOLTON—(1357)—			
2546	Timber for Southwark-park, February and April, 1883	5 – 1	
	Carried forward	£777 10 7	...

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	777 10 7	...
LAPTHORNE AND CO.—(1358)—			
2547	Notice-boards, &c., Clapham-common, March, 1883	15 7 10	
MULLEY, C.—(1360)—			
2548	Repairs to fencing, Victoria Embankment-gardens, April, 1883 ...	11 15 –	
WILLING AND CO.—(1352)—			
2549	Enamelled iron badges for open spaces, June, 1883	3 15 –	
COMPTON, J., AND SONS—(1397)—			
2550	Uniform-clothing, quarter to 31st March, 1883—		
	Peckham-rye... ... ... £9 – 6		
	Offices, Spring-gardens ... ... 9 9 –		
		18 9 6	
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(1447)—			
2551	Shoring, hoarding, &c., dangerous structures	60 6 4	
DISTRICT SURVEYORS—(1448)—			
	Fees, *re* dangerous structures—		
2552	Blashill, T. ... ... £2 – –		
2553	Carritt, E. 8 3 9		
2554	Fletcher, B. ... ... 7 5 –		
2555	Foulsham, C. ... ... 2 – –		
2556	Fowler, C. 3 17 6		
2557	Grose, V. J. ... ... 2 15 –		
2558	Hammon, H. J. ... ... 5 5 –		
2559	Hayward, C. F. 6 8 9		
2560	Hewitt, E. R. ... ... 2 10 –		
2561	Jarvis, H. 2 7 6		
2562	Jennings, J. 3 12 6		
2563	Kerr, R. ... ... 10 5 –		
2564	Legg, H. S. ... ... 4 10 –		
2565	Markham, S. S. 6 17 6		
2566	Notley, R. P. 2 7 6		
2567	Oliver, H. 5 2 6		
2568	Payne, A. 5 12 6		
2569	Plumbe, R. ... ... 2 – –		
2570	Porter, F. W. ... ... 3 – –		
2571	Smith, T. R. 5 7 6		
2572	Stenning, A. R. 2 17 6		
2573	Wallen, F. 3 7 6		
		97 12 6	
LAING, D. G., AND SON.—(1389)—			
2574	Work at gas-meter testing-house, Southwark, August, 1882 ...	2 – –	
SUGG, W., AND CO., LIMITED—(1297)—			
2575	Glass chimneys for testing gas, June, 1883	3 12 –	
MILNE, SONS AND MACFIE—(1401)—			
2576	Gas-fittings and repairs, quarter to 31st March, 1883—		
	Gas-meter testing-houses £10 15 1		
	Offices, Spring-gardens 1 6 4		
		12 1 5	
HOE, R., AND SONS—(1399)—			
2577	Office-bags and repairs, January to March, 1883	7 4 –	
HANSARD, H., AND SON—(1404)—			
2578	Copies of parliamentary papers, year 1882	41 2 8	
ELLIOTT BROTHERS—(1398)—			
2579	Oblong engine-counter and air-gauge, June, 1883, *re* District Railway Ventilation	6 14 –	
LEMERE, B., AND CO.—(1450)—			
2580	Photography, June, 1883—		
	Re Thames Subway Bill ... ... £7 7 –		
	„ Metropolitan District Railway Ventilation ... 10 10 –		
		17 17 –	
	Carried forward	£1,075 7 10	...

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	1,075 7 10	...
SMITH, J., AND EUSTACE, E.—(1453)—		
2581 Commission on dangerous structure cases placed in their hands for collection, quarter ending 30th June, 1883	43 – –	
SMITH, J.—(1451)—		
2582 Poundage on amount collected by him, *re* Lincoln's-inn Precept for 1882	11 10 –	
CHELSEA WATERWORKS Co.—(1452)—		
2583 Water for premises occupied by the Board	10 16 6	
NAAKÉ, J. T.—(1456)—		
2584 Translations of regulations of the St. Petersburg Municipal Council with regard to theatres, &c., June, 1883	10 – –	
		1,150 14 4
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.		
SHAND, MASON AND Co.—(1392)—		
838 Repairs to engine, May, 1883	18 – –	
MOORE, A.—(1388)—		
839 Fire-plug, &c., indicators, April and May, 1883	196 10 5	
		214 10 5
FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
READING, C. W.—(1393)—		
840 Further on account of contract for erection of station, Great Scotland-yard (No. 588)	1,143 16 –	
STIMPSON AND Co.—(1394)—		
841 Further on account of contract for works in enlarging station at Head-quarters (No. 627)	1,080 – –	
		2,223 16 –
MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
RIGBY, W.—(1457)—		
983 Further on account of contract for construction of relief-lines of the Fleet and Northern High Level Sewers (No. 559)		3,000 – –
STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 1877.		
JAMES, SIR H., Attorney-General—(1391)—		
6203 Counsel's fees, November, 1882, *re* Spencer (Piccadilly)	115 4 –	
DE GREY, HON. J. A.—(1449)—		
6204 Counsel's fees, April, 1883, *re* Salton (Piccadilly)...	22 8 –	
		137 12 –
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.		
MESTON, J. F.—(1293 and 1446)—		
31 On account of contract for re-forming the horse-ride on the West Heath, Hampstead (No. 624)	1,197 – –	
32 On account of contract for ground-work, tar-paving, drainage, &c., at Hackney Commons (No. 645)	919 14 –	
		2,116
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
PETT, W.—(1407)—		
877 Repairs at No. 49, Whitcomb-street, and warehouse in rear (as per order of Works, &c., Committee, 5th February, 1883) ...	227 12 4	
GRAND JUNCTION WATERWORKS Co. (per H. M. Reynolds)—(1403)—		
878 Water for premises occupied by tenants of the Board (Piccadilly, &c.)	15 4 –	
		242 16 4
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
CHADWICK AND SONS—(1400)—		
4859 Charges with reference to recovery of rent, *re* No. 8, Wells-street, Poplar, October, 1882		6 1 6
Carried forward		£9,092 4 7

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	9,092 4 7

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS, per Bank of England—(1402)—

1233 Services of constables, quarter to 31st March, 1883—

General Working Account	287 14 –	
Street Improvements (1877)	30 6 6	
		318 – 6

METHOLD, T. T.—(1454)—

1234 Counsel's fees, April to June, 1883—

General Working Account	28 16 –	
Fire Brigade Working Account	2 4 6	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	10 1 6	
		41 2 –

STREET BROTHERS—(1406)—

1235 Advertisements, March and May, 1883—

General Working Account	17 12 6	
Fire Brigade Working Account	24 3 –	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	27 19 –	
Parks and Open Spaces	1 18 –	
Metropolis Bridges (1877)	4 3 –	
Streets Improvements (1877)	12 13 –	
Consolidated Loans Fund	36 14 8	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	29 2 6	
		154 5 8

GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(1396)—

1236 Hoarding and shoring properties taken in line of Improvements, quarter to 31st March, 1883—

Wapping and other Improvements	£37 7 1	
Street Improvements, 1877	240 3 1	
Parks and Open Spaces	31 12 8	
Consolidated Loans Fund	232 2 –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	384 7 2	
	925 12 –	
Less credit—		
Sun-street Improvement	1 13 7	
		923 18 5

WILLIAMS, J., SON AND WALLINGTON—(1455)—

1237 Bill for works under general jobbing contract, 8th to 31st December, 1882—

General Working Account	295 7 5	
Thames Floods Prevention	4 15 4	
		300 2 9

TRANSFER TO WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—(1387)—

Repayment of advances—

1238 Petty cash payments, 11th to 23rd June, 1883—

a General Working Account		£103 7 11	
b Fire Brigade Working Account ...	£1 – 6		
Fire Brigade Capital Account ...	1 9 5		
		2 9 11	
c Main Drainage and Main Sewers		1 18 4	
d Street Improvements, 1877		– 11 6	
e Thames Floods Prevention		4 2 4	
f Dwelling House Improvement Fund		2 – 5	
		114 10 5	
Retainers to counsel, *re* Bills promoted by the Commissioners of Sewers and the Board, *re* Ventilation of District Railway—			
g General Working Account		11 11 –	
Compensation for damage by float—			
h Fire Brigade Working Account		2 – –	
Weekly pensions, to 23rd June, 1883—			
i Fire Brigade Working Account		12 7 –	
Carried forward		£140 8 5 ...	10,829 13 11

			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward			...	10,829 13 11
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*)	£140 8 5		...	
Expenses in respect of attendance of witnesses before umpire, *re* Arundell and another (Piccadilly)—				
j Street Improvements, 1877	1 17 6			
Amount returned to men leaving—				
k Firemen's Savings Fund	13 10 6			
Compensation to weekly tenants on removal—				
l Street Improvements, 1877 ... ... £1 10 –				
Dwelling House Improvement Fund ... 7 – –				
	8 10 –			
Postages, 11th to 23rd June, 1883—				
m General Working Account ... ... £30 – –				
Fire Brigade Working Account ... 5 – –				
	35 – –			
			199 6 5	
Superintendents' expenses at fires and incidentals, May, 1883—				
n Fire Brigade Working Account	£252 13 7			
Rent of lodgings for Firemen, June, 1883—				
o Fire Brigade Working Account	249 17 2			
Special jury expenses, *re* J. Smith (Piccadilly)—				
p Street Improvements, 1877	30 18 –			
			533 8 9	
Weekly wages, two weeks to 27th June, 1883—				
q General Working Account	£1,572 15 3			
Fire Brigade Working Account	2 9 6			
Fire Brigade Capital Account	31 – –			
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	108 14 –			
Metropolis Bridges, 1877	28 10 –			
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	22 10 10			
Street Improvements, 1877	18 15 –			
Thames Floods Prevention	63 2 8			
Parks and Open Spaces...	6 6 –			
Consolidated Loans Fund	27 2 –			
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	72 14 6			
			1,953 19 9	
Firemen's wages, two weeks to 30th June, 1883—				
r Fire Brigade Working Account			1,958 2 2	
			4,644 17 1	
Amounts to be paid through the account—				
Bills for sums under £2—				
s General Working Account—				
Laws, R. — Watering trees, London-fields ... ... £1 – –				
Carter and Barber—Information *re* Street Improvements Bill, 1883 ... ... 1 1 –				
District Surveyors — Fees, *re* dangerous structures ... 9 2 6				
	£11 3 6			
t Provident Clerks' and General Guarantee Association — Premium in respect of guarantee of Mr. E. Booth, assistant in Accountant's department, due 16th July, 1883	6 – –			
Premiums for insurance of premises occupied or taken by the Board—				
u General Working Account	10 8 6			
v Fire Brigade Working Account	5 – 6			
w Consolidated Loans Fund	142 11 3			
Carried forward	£175 3 9		4,644 17 1	10,829 13 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	10,829 13 11
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*)— £175 3 9	4,644 17 1	
Rates and taxes for premises occupied or taken by the Board—		
x General Working Account 52 13 9		
y Fire Brigade Working Account 23 19 6		
z Street Improvements, 1877 ... ... 19 8 –		
aa Consolidated Loans Fund 27 7 9		
bb Dwelling House Improvement Fund 24 10 8		
	323 3 5	
		4,968 – 6
TOTAL		£15,797 14 5

Certified,
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(*signed*) JOHN TOLHURST,
HENRY HARBEN,
DONALD MUNRO,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
CHAS. HARRIS.

The Main Drainage Bonds, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £15,797 14s. 5d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, as specified in the Four series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to D inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting, by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on Structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Blashill, T.	3	2 – –	...	...	2 – –
2	Carritt, E.	7	7 8 9	2	– 15 –	8 3 9
3	Clarkson, J.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
4	Conder, A.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
5	Fletcher, B.	10	7 5 –	...	...	7 5 –
6	Foulsham, C.	2	2 – –	...	...	2 – –
7	Fowler, C.	6	3 17 6	...	...	3 17 6
8	Grose, V. J.	4	2 15 –	...	...	2 15 –
9	Hammon, H. J.	2	3 17 6	2	1 7 6	5 5 –
10	Hayward, C. F.	10	6 8 9	...	...	6 8 9
11	Hewitt, E. R.	2	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
	Carried forward ...	48	40 5 –	4	2 2 6	42 7 6

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	48	40 5 –	4	2 2 6	42 7 6
12	Jarvis, H.	2	2 7 6	...	...	2 7 6
13	Jennings, J.	3	3 12 6	...	...	3 12 6
14	Kerr, R.	9	9 7 6	1	– 17 6	10 5 –
15	Knightley, T. E.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
16	Legg, H. S.	5	4 10 –	...	...	4 10 –
17	Markham, S. S.	9	6 17 6	...	...	6 17 6
18	Mathews, J. D.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
19	Meeson, F. R.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
20	Notley, R. P.	2	2 – –	1	– 7 6	2 7 6
21	Oliver, H.	3	4 – –	2	1 2 6	5 2 6
22	Payne, A.	6	4 17 6	2	– 15 –	5 12 6
23	Plumbe, R.	2	1 5 –	2	– 15 –	2 – –
24	Porter, F. W.	1	1 – –	3	2 – –	3 – –
25	Smith, T. R.	7	5 7 6	...	...	5 7 6
26	Stenning, A. R.	1	2 17 6	...	...	2 17 6
27	Turner, J. G.	1	1 2 6	1	– 7 6	1 10 –
28	Wallen, F.	2	1 17 6	3	1 10 –	3 7 6
29	Whichcord, J.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
30	Woodthorpe, E.	2	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
		107	96 17 6	19	9 17 6	106 15 –

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned expenses, incident to shoring and hoarding Dangerous Structures, under the Metropolitan Building Acts, 1855 and 1869, be charged to the Owners of the respective properties, together with other expenses affecting the same, and be recovered according to law.

Case No.	Premises.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
26,426	Outbuildings in rear of the "Old King's Head" Public-house, High street, Wandsworth	– 15 –
26,944	Structure in George-yard, St. Luke's	5 11 11
27,373	251, Rotherhithe-street, Rotherhithe	24 19 5
27,477	17, Fieldgate-street, Whitechapel	11 9 6
27,577	27, Dragon-street, Camberwell	17 10 6
		£60 6 4

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the present system of paying the Officers' Salaries by Orders on the Treasurer instead of by Cheques, be continued during the pleasure of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £370, in favour of the Fulham District Board, being one-half of the cost agreed to be contributed by this Board towards the Improvement at Blythe-lane, Hammersmith; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, for permission to borrow, and for the advance of a sum of £14,300 to defray the cost of wood-paving works, be granted to the extent of £14,200; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up by the middle of August next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Five years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, and seconded—That the application of the Vestry of St. Luke, for an advance of a sum of £2,300 to defray the cost of granite-paving works, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Twelve years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, and seconded by Mr. Thompson —That the period for the re-payment of the Loan be Fifteen years.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 10, against it 11, and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of Lambeth be informed, in reply to their Letter proposing to substitute Victoria for York stone, in carrying out the paving works, in respect of which they recently borrowed a sum of £10,000 from the Board, that as the Loan was sanctioned by the Board and the Treasury, and the money was advanced, on condition that York stone was to be used, the Board do not think it desirable to give their consent to the proposed substitution.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the St. Giles District Board, for a further advance of a sum of £7,500 to defray the cost of Asphalte-paving works, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments, on each 1st July, within a period of Seven years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Managers of the South Metropolitan School District, for a further Loan of a sum of £5,000, to defray the cost of certain alterations and additions at their School at Hanwell, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up by the 1st August next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments, on each 1st July, within a period of Ten years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the sum of £200, Metropolitan Three-and-a-half per Cent. Consolidated Stock, be sold for the purpose of putting the Firemen's Savings Fund Account in funds.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be now cancelled—

Street Improvements 1877.

No. 5,769.	1883.	February 26th.	Brown, C., and Mrs. A. ...	£100	0	0
,, 5,770.	,,	,,	Foster, C. T.	5	5	0

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

9. Mr. Selway brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 2nd July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority given to them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Main Drainage and Main Sewers.			
Re Kidner (Wandle Branch)—(1409)—			
Kidner—			
981	Purchase-money and Compensation for easement over land at Streatham, as per order of Committee	100 – –	
Fuller, Moore and Fuller—			
982	Surveyors' Fee, as per order of Committee ...	10 10 –	
			110 10 –
Metropolis Bridges, 1881.			
Re O. Faulkner (Putney)—(1410)—			
Chamberlain, W. H.—			
401	Interest on Purchase-money (less Tax) from 8th December, 1882, to 29th June, 1883 ... ... £25 17 1		
	Proportion of Rates, from 8th July to 29th September, 1882 ... 3 16 2		
	29 13 3		
	Less proportion of Rent from Midsummer to 8th July, 1882 ... – 6 8		
		29 6 7	
Re S. Faulkner (Putney)—(1411)—			
Chamberlain, W. H.—			
402	Interest on Purchase-money (less Tax) from 8th December, 1882, to 29th June, 1883 ... ... £58 10 2		
	Proportion of Rates, from 8th July to 29th September, 1882 ... 7 12 4		
	66 2 6		
	Less proportion of Rent from Midsummer to 8th July, 1882 ... – 14 9		
		65 7 9	
Re Kain (Putney)—(1413)—			
Devonshire, T. H.—			
403	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	12 12 –	
			107 6 4
Street Improvements, 1877.			
Re Weatherhead and Westbrook (Kentish-town-road)—(1414)—			
Powell, G. T.—			
6182	One-quarter's Rent of the "Nag's Head" Public-house to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax) ...	21 9 7	
	Carried forward	£24 9 7	217 16 4

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	24	9	7	217	16	4
Re Thornton (Gray's-inn-road—(1415 and 1416)—							
	Burgoynes, Milnes, Thrupp and Burgoynes—						
6183	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	42	10	4			
6184	One-year's Rent of No. 15, Bell-court to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	37	–	7			
Re Galton (Gray's-inn-road)—(1417)—							
	Galton, E. H.—						
6185	Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 11, Verulam-place	450	–	–			
	Harman and Matthews—						
6186	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	13	13	–			
Re Reynell's Executrix (Piccadilly)—(1418)—							
	Costs of Title and Conveyance, and of Petition for payment out of Court—						
6187	Smith, Stenning and Croft ... £168 2 –						
6188	Bircham and Co. 26 1 2						
		194	3	2			
Re Holborn District Board of Works (Gray's-inn-road)—(1419)—							
	Holborn District Board of Works—						
6189	Purchase-money for Fee-simple in premises in King's Head-court	27	10	–			
	Isaacs, L. H.—						
6190	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	5	5	–			
Re Klosz's Executors (Piccadilly)—(1429)—							
	Allen and Sons, per London and County Bank—						
6191	Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 3, Moor-street, Soho, and Trade Compensation ...	3,375	–	–			
Re Unwin (Gray's-inn-road) – (1421)—							
	Unwin, Mrs. C.—						
6192	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 3, Tyndall's-buildings	10	–	–			
Re Holbrook (Kentish-town-road)—(1422)—							
	Jones, W. L.—						
6193	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	14	11	7			
Re Phillips (Piccadilly)—(1423)—							
	Phillips, C. T., and Phillips, E. H.—						
6194	Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 47, Rupert-street	600	–	–			
	Fuller, G.—						
6195	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	14	14	–			
Re Cousins (Gray's-inn-road)—(1424)—							
	Cousins, W.—						
6196	Purchase-money for Tenancy in No. 41, Portpool-lane	80	–	–			
	Clow, L. F.—						
6197	Surveyor's Fee as per Contract	5	5	–			
	Carried forward	£4,894	2	3	217	16	4

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	4,894 2 3	217 16 4
Re Pearson (Gray's-inn-road)—(1425)—		
London and Westminster Bank, Limited—		
6198 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 3, Tyndall's-buildings	350 - -	
Re Dawson (Gray's-inn-road)—(1458)—		
Dawson, T.—		
6201 Purchase-money for Yearly Tenancy in No. 4, Bell-court	30 - -	
		5,274 2 3
Tooley-street Extension, 1882.		
Re Perkins—(1426)—		
Perkins, R.—		
6 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of Nos. 3 and 4, Union-court	460 - -	
7 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	13 13 -	
Re Roberts' Trustees—(1427)—		
Brooksbank and Galland—		
8 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	26 5 -	
Re Yearron—(1428)—		
Yearron, H., and Clarke, W.—		
9 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 181, Tooley-street	500 - -	
Hamilton, J.—		
10 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	13 13 -	
		1,013 11 -
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Holland's Trustees (Piccadilly)—1429—		
Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
874 Half-year's Rent of No. 32A, Greek-street, Soho, to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	19 10 3	
Re Gardner (Piccadilly)—(1430)—		
Eyre, G. L. P., and Co.—		
875 Rent of Nos. 2 and 3, West-street, Soho, from Lady-day to 27th June, 1883 (less Tax) ...	24 - 5	
Re Salamans (Piccadilly)—(1431)—		
Emanuel Joel and Co.—		
876 One-quarter's Rent of Nos. 2 to 9, King-street, Soho, to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax) ...	97 3 8	
		140 14 4
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Flight (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1432)—		
Flight, Mrs. M. C.—		
4839 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 1 to 6, Essex-place	140 - -	
Lett, A.—		
4840 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	7 7 -	
Carried forward	£147 7 -	6,646 3 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	147 7 –	6,646 3 11
Re Fayle (Goulston-street)—(1433)—		
Langley and Gibbon—		
4841 Costs of Arbitration ... ... £70 – –		
Payment towards Costs of Appeal 20 – –		
Costs of Title and Assignment ... 45 – –		
	135 – –	
Re Pilbrow (Goulston-street)—(1434)—		
Dodd, G. R.—		
4842 Costs of Petition for payment out of Court ...	93 8 2	
Re Bishop (Essex-road)—(1435)—		
Kimpton, Mrs. M. A.—		
4843 In lieu of further Rent or Interest in respect of purchase of No. 19, Popham-street, and Cottages in rear (as per order of Committee)	11 1 9	
Re Littleboy (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1436)—		
Park-Nelson, Morgan and Gemmell—		
4844 Costs of Title and Conveyance, &c.	35 10 –	
Re Sir T. E. Colebrooke (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1437)—		
Colebrooke, Sir T. E.—		
4845 Purchase-money for enfranchisement of various properties comprised in Contract... ...	534 15 –	
Baddeley, E.—		
4846 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	35 – –	
Re Hatchet (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1438)—		
Clapham and Fitch—		
4847 Costs of Arbitration	25 – 10	
Re Short (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1439)—		
Dexter, R.—		
4848 Costs of Arbitration	22 1 –	
Re Tindale (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1440)—		
Dexter, R.—		
4849 Costs of Arbitration	17 17 –	
Re Harding (Goulston-street)—(1441)—		
Harding, Jno.—		
4850 Compensation for interest as Weekly Tenant in No. 7, Upper Keate-street, and Nos. 8 and 9, Lower Keate-street	65 – –	
Re Dyer (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1442)—		
Dyer, R.		
4851 Purchase-money for Fee-simple in Nos. 4A and 5, India-road, and No. 13, Wells-street ...	90 – –	
Re Lambert's Trustees (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1443)—		
Bank of England, for Chancery—		
4852 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 6*, Wells-street	100 – –	
Carried forward	£1,312 – 9	6,646 3 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	1,312 – 9	6,646 3 11
Re Williamson's Trustees (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1444)—		
Bank of England, for Chancery—		
4853 Purchase-money for Copyhold land, formerly site of No. 48, Robin Hood-lane ...	163 – –	
Re Smith and Gale (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1445)—		
Smith, J., and Gale, H.—		
4854 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 49, Robin Hood-lane and Nos. 1 to 10, Katherine-place	190 – –	
		1,665 – 9
		£8,311 4 8

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand more than Three months—

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Metropolis Bridges, 1881.		
Re Pope (Putney)—(1820-1882)—			
404	Pope, Rev. A.—Purchase-money ...	£2,800 – –	
405	Maton, W.—Surveyor's Fee	28 7 –	
406	Phillips, J. and J.—Stamp-duty	14 – –	
			2,842 7 –
	Street Improvements, 1877.		
Re Walter (Gray's-inn-road)—(638-1882)—			
6199	Walter, Geo.—Purchase-money	£330 – –	
6200	Green and Son—Surveyors' Fee	11 11 –	
			341 11 –
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Bohli (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2172-1881)—			
4855	Bohli, Mrs. Esther—Purchase-money ...	£310 – –	
Re Livett (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2339-1881)—			
4856	Livett, Mrs. E. H., and Livett, G. C.—Purchase-money	175 – –	
4857	Livett, J. J. W.—Surveyor's Fee	7 7 –	
Re Freeman (Goulston-street)—(101)—			
4858	Freeman, W. H. B.—Purchase-money ...	25 – –	
			517 7 –
			£3,701 5 –

In pursuance of the Board's Resolution of Friday last (No. 8), your Committee have given further consideration to the subject of the re-appointment of the several Committees of the Board, and they beg to submit the following recommendations—

That the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Appeal Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of all the Members of the Board, and that the following Committees be re-appointed, and do consist, as heretofore, of Fifteen Members each, and that the following Members be appointed to serve thereon—

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Abbott, J., Esq.
Cook, E. R., Esq.
Dalton, W. H., Esq.
Elam, T. H., Esq.
Fell, W. H., Esq.
Freeman, R., Esq.
Harben, H., Esq.
Harris, C., Esq.
Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Munro, D., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Rogers, E. Dresser, Esq.
Tolhurst, J., Esq.
Urquhart, W., Esq.
White, T. J., Esq.

Fire Brigade Committee.

Edwards, G., Esq.
Egerton, Hon. Alan de Tatton, M.P.
FitzRoy, Lieut.-Col. Lord F. J.
Hill, G., Esq.
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Jones R., Esq.
Lloyd, J. R., Esq.
Phillips, G., Esq.
Pocock, A., Esq.
Reddish, J., Esq.
Saunders, J. E., Esq., Deputy.
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Furniss, R, Esq.
Munro, D., Esq.
Rogers, E. Dresser, Esq.
Runtz, J., Esq.
Saunders, J. E., Esq., Deputy.
Selway, W. R., Esq.
Shepherd, W., Esq.

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Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Munro, D., Esq.
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Urquhart, W., Esq.

* *Mr. Egerton is upon this Committee under the Standing Order of the Board with regard to Members of the Board who are Members of Parliament.*

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Fell, W. H., Esq.
Harris, C., Esq.
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Pocock, A., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
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Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee.

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Shepherd, W., Esq.
Whetham, Sir C., Alderman.

THAMES RIVER (PREVENTION OF FLOODS) COMMITTEE.

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Fairclough, T. M., Esq.
Fell, W. H., Esq.
FitzRoy, Lieut.-Col. Lord F. J.
Fowler, F. H., Esq.
Harben, H., Esq.
Harris, C., Esq.
Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Phillips, G., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Urquhart, W., Esq.
White, T. J., Esq.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the communications, referred by the Board on the 28th July last (No. 3), the 13th October last (No. 6), and the 24th November last (No. 29), from the Plumstead District Board of Works, and from Mr. E. G. Parr, on behalf of ratepayers of the district, on the subject of the drainage of the Southern portion of the Parish of Eltham. This question, as the Board are aware, has been before them on many previous occasions, and on the 5th April, 1882, your Committee reported the terms of an arrangement, resulting from communications which had taken place between the advisers of this Board, the Plumstead District Board, and the West Kent Main Sewerage Board, for admitting the Sewage of the locality in question into the Sewer belonging to the last-named Board. The terms of the proposed arrangement were approved by this Board, and instructions were given for the preparation of an Agreement to carry it into effect. Communications then took place between your Solicitor and the Boards concerned, and in the result a Draft Agreement was received from the Solicitors of the West Kent Board. Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Solicitor upon the terms of that Draft, and they find that it differs very considerably from the original proposal. The principal points of difference are as follows—

1stly.—The Draft Agreement limits the supply of liquid to a quantity equal in amount to 158 gallons per house per day on the 180 houses now existing, whereas your Engineer advises that provision should be made for 250 gallons per house per day, not only for existing houses, but for houses which may be built in the future.

2ndly.—The Draft Agreement provides for paying upon the full ratable value of the whole area, including bare land, instead of only upon one-fourth of the ratable value for so much of the area as consists of bare land, as was distinctly understood.

The total area, your Committee may remind the Board, is 920 acres, of which about 8 acres are already drained into this Board's Sewers.

3rdly.—The Draft Agreement is proposed to be in force for the space of only 7 years, whereas the arrangement was that it was to be determinable at the end of 5, 10, or 15 years by the Board, or at the end of 10 or 15 years by the West Kent Main Sewerage Board.

4thly. The Agreement provides for only one connection, whereas the Plumstead District Board require two connections.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that there has been a very serious departure from the terms of the original proposal, and it appears to your Committee that, apart from the other alterations, the first, which limits the total amount of Sewage to be taken to an average daily quantity considerably less than would have to be provided for as regards the houses actually existing, must be considered as fatal to the proposed Agreement. It must be borne in mind that there is a statutory obligation upon the Board to provide for the drainage of the Metropolis, and it might be that, even if the Board obtained, on satisfactory terms, a connection with the West Kent Sewerage system, that system might be insufficient to carry off the drainage of the District. Under these circumstances, and looking to the complications which have arisen, and to the difficulties of adequately providing for the drainage of the district through the West Kent Sewerage system, it appears to your Committee, after giving the whole matter their best consideration, that it is advisable for the Board at once to deal with the question themselves, and to construct a Main Sewer in connection with the Metropolitan system of Drainage. Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Engineer, in which he states that, to provide for the sewerage of the District under consideration, in connection with the Board's Sewers, it would be necessary to construct a Sewer from the Eltham-road along Mottingham-lane, and through private lands to Pope-street, generally as shown on a Plan which he has laid before them, and which your Committee beg to submit. As the Sewer has to pass across the ridge between the Ravensbourne and Cray Valleys, the greater part of its length must, your Engineer states, be constructed in tunnel, and it will cost about £40,000. The recommendation which your Committee submit for adoption by the Board, is as follows—

> That the Board do decline to avail themselves of the West Kent Sewerage system, and do themselves construct a Sewer, at an estimated cost of £40,000, for the drainage of the part of the Parish of Eltham referred to, connecting it with the Main Sewerage system of the Metropolis.

Your Committee have had before them a Letter from Mr. T. Williams, on behalf of Messrs. Manley, applying for permission to erect three one-storey water-closets over the main Boundary Sewer at the rear of Cottages in Henry's-place, Long-lane, Bermondsey, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. Your Engineer reports that the proposed erections (which are in lieu of an existing one) will do no harm to the pipe Sewer, and will not prevent access to it if required. Your Committee therefore recommend—

> That the application be granted, during the pleasure of the Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 13), requesting that the temporary wooden platform to be erected at the Northern end of Sloane-street, for the accommodation of the traffic during the execution of the Ranelagh Relief Sewer works, may be extended further Southward than is provided for in the Specification; also that provision may be made for the ventilation of the Intercepting Sewer, and that, in constructing the new Sewer near the Royal Hospital Gates, an improvement in the ventilation of the existing Ranelagh Sewer may be effected. Your Committee, having conferred with your Engineer as to the provision already made in the Contract for the accommodation of the traffic during the progress of the works, are of opinion that it is unadvisable to add any further condition in this respect, and they therefore recommend—

> That the Vestry be informed that the Board are unable to accede to their request.

With regard to the latter part of the Letter, your Committee have ascertained from your Engineer that ample provision has been made for the ventilation of, and for access to, the Sewers, and they recommend—

> That the Vestry be so informed.

Your Committee, in compliance with the reference by the Board of the 15th ultimo (No. 45), have considered the Letter from Mr. G. Dowdeswell, Treasurer, Inner Temple, relative to a proposal by the Corporation of the City of London to let, on building Leases, certain land immediately adjacent to the Inner Temple Garden; requesting information on the matter, and referring to the Metropolitan District Railway Act, 1864, Section 61, Sub-Section 4, which prohibits the erection of buildings on the land referred to, without the Board's consent in writing. Your Committee, having conferred with your Solicitor on the matter, recommend—

> That a reply be addressed to Mr. Dowdeswell to the effect that the Board have caused an enquiry to be made into the matter, and are advised that, having regard not only to the Act to which he refers, but to other subsequent Acts, and to the dealings between the Board, the Railway Company and the Corporation, the Board are not in a position to prevent the Corporation building on the land in question.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter referred by the Board on the 1st ultimo (No. 3), from the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, asking for a contribution towards the expenses incurred by them in the purchase of the enclosure, known as Trafalgar-square, in White-horse-lane, Mile-end. The Vestry give the particulars of litigation which has taken place between them and persons claiming to be owners of the enclosure, and state that the latter are now willing to accept £650 for their rights, and that this sum, with the costs which the Vestry have incurred in the matter, makes up a total of £1,000, towards which amount they ask the Board to contribute. Your Committee have taken an opportunity of viewing the locality, and have conferred with your Superintending Architect, who expresses an opinion that the cost of the land is fair and reasonable. It appears to your Committee that the proposal is one in which the Board may properly assist, but that in accordance with their usual practice the contribution should have relation only to the cost of the purchase of the land. They therefore recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £325, and that it be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Fulham District Board referred to them on the 24th March, 1882 (No. 6), for a contribution towards the cost of an Improvement at the entrance to High-street, Fulham. The net cost was originally estimated at £2,100, but your Committee learn from your Superintending Architect that the re-coupment has now been dealt with, and that the net cost of the Improvement has been ascertained to be £1,610. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and are of opinion that the Improvement is a desirable one, and they recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £805, and that it be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Memorial of the Vestry of St. Anne, Westminster, referred by the Board on the 1st ultimo (No. 11), asking that, in connection with the Improvements in progress in the neighbourhood of Newport-market, Hayes-court may be abolished, and that Greek-street may be continued through to Newport-market. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and have had before them a Report and Plan prepared by your Officers, showing the widening of the Court on the West side to 30 feet, and stating that the total cost, in works and diminution of building land, would probably amount to £3,140. Your Committee are of opinion that the suggested Improvement should be effected, and they beg to recommend accordingly. They further recommend—

That the Vestry of St. Anne, Westminster, be informed of the Board's decision in the matter.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
WM. SHEPHERD,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
HENRY HARBEN,
DONALD MUNRO,
GEO. HILL,
W. H. DALTON,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
GEO. EDWARDS,
WM. DEBENHAM.

The Plan relating to the drainage of Eltham, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Appeal Committee be re-appointed; that those Committees do consist of all the Members of the Board, and that the existing references to, and authorities conferred upon the first-mentioned Committee by the Board do remain in force.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Finance Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 15 Members—

Abbott, J., Esq.
Cook, E. R., Esq.
Dalton, W. H., Esq.
Elam, T. H., Esq.
Fell, W. H., Esq.
Freeman, R., Esq.
Harben, H., Esq.
Harris, C., Esq.
Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Munro, D., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Rogers, E. Dresser, Esq.
Tolhurst, J., Esq.
Urquhart, W., Esq.
White, T. J., Esq.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Fire Brigade Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 15 Members—

Edwards, G., Esq.
Egerton, Hon. Alan de Tatton, M.P.
FitzRoy, Lieut.-Col. Lord F. J.
Hill, G., Esq.
Jones, J., Esq.
Jones, R., Esq.
Lloyd, J R., Esq.
Phillips, G., Esq.
Pocock, A., Esq.
Reddish, J., Esq.
Saunders, J. E., Esq., Deputy.
Selway, W. R., Esq.
Thompson, E. J., Esq.
Turner, T., Esq.
Wetenhall, W. J., Esq.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Building Act Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 15 Members—

Adams, B. H., Esq.
Brown, G., Esq.
Cox, R., Esq.
Debenham, W., Esq.
Egerton, Hon. Alan de Tatton, M.P.
Elam, T. H., Esq.
Ewin, A., Esq.
Fowler, F. H., Esq.
Furniss, R., Esq.
Munro, D., Esq.
Rogers, E. Dresser, Esq.
Runtz, J., Esq.
Saunders, J. E., Esq., Deputy.
Selway, W. R., Esq.
Shepherd, W., Esq.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 15 Members—

Bradfield, J. E., Esq.
Dalton, W. H., Esq.
Edwards, G., Esq.
Freeman, R., Esq.
Harben, H., Esq.
Harris, C., Esq.
Hill, G., Esq.
Jones, J., Esq.
Lloyd, J. R., Esq.
Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Munro, D., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Runtz, J., Esq.
Shepherd, W., Esq.
Turner, T., Esq.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Parliamentary Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 16 Members—

Abbott, J., Esq.
Dalton, W. H., Esq.
Edwards, G., Esq.
* Egerton, Hon. Alan de Tatton, M.P.
Fowler, F. H., Esq.
Freeman, R., Esq.
Jones, R., Esq.
Lloyd, J. R., Esq.
Munro, D., Esq.
Phillips, G., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Rogers, E. Dresser, Esq.
Runtz, J., Esq.
Selway, W. R., Esq.
Tolhurst, J., Esq.
Urquhart, W., Esq.

* *Mr. Egerton is upon this Committee under the Standing Order of the Board with regard to Members of the Board who are Members of Parliament.*

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 15 Members—

Abbott, J., Esq.
Bradfield, J. E., Esq.
Cook, E. R., Esq.
Egerton, Hon. Alan de Tatton, M.P.
Fairclough, T. M., Esq.
Fell, W. H., Esq.
Harris, C., Esq.
Ingoldby, F., Esq.
Phillips, G., Esq.
Pocock, A., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Rogers, E. Dresser, Esq.
Runtz, J., Esq.
Saunders, J. E., Esq., Deputy.
Wetenhall, W. J., Esq.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 15 Members—

Abbott, J., Esq.
Bradfield, J. E., Esq.
Cook, E. R., Esq.
Egerton, Hon. Alan de Tatton, M.P.
Fairclough, T. M., Esq.
Fell, W. H., Esq.
Harris, C., Esq.
Ingoldby, F., Esq.
Phillips, G., Esq.
Pocock, A., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Rogers, E. Dresser, Esq.
Runtz, J., Esq.
Saunders, J. E., Esq., Deputy.
Wetenhall, W. J., Esq.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the recommendation of the Committee with respect to the Members to serve on the Bridges Committee, be adopted.

Mr. Harben having stated his desire to withdraw in favour of Mr. Jolly, the motion was, by leave of the Board, modified, and having been put to the vote, it was declared by

the Chairman to be carried; and it was **resolved**—That the Bridges Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 15 Members—

Cox, R., Esq.
Edwards, G., Esq.
Ewin, A., Esq.
Fowler, F. H., Esq.
Freeman, R., Esq.
Jolly, J. R., Esq.
Jones, J., Esq.
Jones, R., Esq.
Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Munro, D., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Runtz, J., Esq.
Selway, W. R., Esq.
Shepherd, W., Esq.
Whetham, Sir C., Alderman.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the recommendation of the Committee with respect to the Members to serve on the Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Committee be adopted.

Mr. Fell having stated his desire to withdraw in favour of Mr. Jolly, the **motion** was, by leave of the Board, modified, and having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was **resolved**—That the Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Committee be re-appointed, and do consist of the following 15 Members—

Adams, B. H., Esq.
Brown, G., Esq.
Debenham, W., Esq.
Ewin, A., Esq.
Fairclough, T. M., Esq.
FitzRoy, Lieut.-Col. Lord F. J.
Fowler, F. H., Esq.
Harben, H., Esq.
Harris, C., Esq.
Jolly, J. R., Esq.
Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Phillips, G., Esq.
Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Urquhart, W., Esq.
White, T. J., Esq.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, and **resolved**—That so much of the Report as relates to the subject of the drainage of the Southern portion of the Parish of Eltham be approved; that the Board do decline to avail themselves of the West Kent Sewerage system, and do themselves construct a Sewer, at an estimated cost of £40,000, for the drainage of that part of the Parish of Eltham, and connect it with the Main Sewerage system of the Metropolis.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of Mr. T. Williams, on behalf of Messrs. Manley, for permission to erect three one-storey water-closets over the Main Boundary Sewer, as shown on the Plan accompanying the application, at the rear of Cottages in Henry's-place, Long-lane, Bermondsey, be granted, during the pleasure of the Board.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That a reply, founded upon the Report made by the Engineer, be sent to the Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, as to the accommodation of the traffic during the execution of the Ranelagh Relief Sewer works, and as to the ventilation of the Intercepting Sewer in Sloane-street; and that the Vestry be informed that the Board are unable to accede to the requests made in their Letter.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That a communication to the effect recommended by the Committee, be addressed to Mr. Dowdeswell, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, in reply to his Letter relative to the proposal of the Corporation of the City of London to build on reclaimed foreshore next the Temple Gardens.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Board do contribute one-half of the cost of the purchase, by the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, of land in Trafalgar-square, White Horse-lane, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £325, and that it be paid to the Vestry on a Report by the Board's Officers of the completion of the purchase, and of the amount actually paid for the ground.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£1,610) of an Improvement by the Fulham District Board at the entrance to High-street, Fulham, such contribution not to exceed the sum of

£805, and that it be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, in connection with the Improvements now in progress in the neighbourhood of Newport-market, Hayes-court be abolished; that a street 30 feet in width be formed in continuation of Greek-street, at an estimated cost of £3,145; and that the Vestry of St. Anne, Westminster, be informed of the Board's decision, in reply to their Memorial on the subject.

10. Mr Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 26th June, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz.—

DATE.	APPLICATION.
14th July, 1882.	Whitechapel District Board, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the District.
1st June, 1882.	Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Hamlet.
9th May, 1883.	Residents in Sussex-villas, Victoria-road, Kensington, for re-naming the thoroughfare "Old Sussex-place."
24th February, 1883.	Lambeth Vestry, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Parish.
24th February, 1883.	Mr. T. B. Westacott, for re-naming, &c., various streets in St. Pancras Parish.
2nd May, 1883.	Vestry of Paddington, for re-naming Westbourne-park-terrace, Porchester-road, "Westbourne-park-place."

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That the houses in Dunk-street, Mile-end New-town, be re-numbered.

That the houses in Finch-street, Mile-end New-town, be re-numbered.

That the houses in King Edward-street, Mile-end New-town, be re-numbered.

That Spieer-street, Buxton-street, and Luke-street, be incorporated under the name "Buxton-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Booth-street, Spitalfields, be re-numbered.

That John-street, Spitalfields, and Samuel-street and Silver-street, Mile-end New-town be incorporated under the name "Spelman-street E.," the subsidiary name abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Queen-street, Cambridge-road, Mile-end Old-town, be re-named "Doveton-street, E., the subsidiary name abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That no alteration be made in the name Sussex-villas Victoria-road, Kensington, and that the Memorialists who have addressed the Board on the subject be so informed.

That the houses in Allington-street, Brixton, be re-numbered.

That Brandon-road and Windmill-street, Brixton, be incorporated under the name "Brandon-road," the subsidiary names abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Cornwall-road, Brixton, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Mr. T. B. Westacott be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to make the alterations in street naming and numbering suggested in his Letter, as the Vestry of St. Pancras are opposed thereto.

That Westbourne-park-terrace, Porchester-road, Paddington, be re-named "Westbourne-park-place."

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
DONALD MUNRO,
W. R. SELWAY,
WM. DEBENHAM.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Dunk-street, in the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shewn by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,115, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 47, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers commencing with 2 and ending with 46 to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Dunk-street, E," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Finch-street, in the Parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel, and the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,116, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 37, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 54, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Finch-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of King Edward-street, in the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,117, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 15, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 28, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the existing numbers be abolished;

that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "King Edward-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Spicer-street, Buxton-street and Luke-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, and the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,118, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 133, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 140, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Spicer-street, Luke-street, and any other name or names now in use in Spicer-street, Buxton-street, and Luke-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Buxton-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, and to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Booth-street, in the Parish of Christchurch, Spitalfields, and the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,119, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 43, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 34, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Booth-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of John-street, Samuel-street and Silver-street, in the respective Parishes of St. Mary, Whitechapel, and Christchurch, Spitalfields, and the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,120, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 51, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 68, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end;

that the names John-street, Samuel-street, Silver-street, Hickmann's-buildings, Speck's-buildings, and any other name or names now in use in John-street, Samuel-street, and Silver-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Spelman-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Queen-street, Cambridge-road, in the Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,121, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 21, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 28, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Queen-street, Peacock-place, and any other name or names now in use in Queen-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Doveton-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and resolved—That no alteration be made in the name Sussex-villas, Victoria-road, Kensington, and that the parties who have communicated with the Board on the subject be so informed.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Allington-street, Brixton, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,122, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 37, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 44, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Allington-street, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Brandon-road and Windmill-street, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shewn by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,123, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with

1 and ending with 55, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 138, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the names Windmill-street, Brandon-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Brandon-road and Windmill-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Brandon-road, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Cornwall-road, in the respective Parishes of Lambeth and Clapham, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,124, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 151, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 152, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the names Elizabeth-cottages, Percy-cottages, Raglan-terrace, Hope-terrace, Mackness-terrace, Park-place, Leigh's-terrace, Frederick-place, Cornwall-place, Cornwall-terrace, Park-terrace, Lyle-terrace, Somerset-terrace, Hope-buildings, and any other name or names now in use in Cornwall-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Cornwall-road, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, and to the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and resolved—That Mr. T. B. Westacott be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to make the alterations in Street naming and numbering suggested in his Letter, inasmuch as the Vestry of St. Pancras are opposed thereto.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 26th day of June, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That Westbourne-park-terrace, Porchester-road, in the Parish of Paddington, in the County of Middlesex, be re-named "Westbourne-park-place, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Paddington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

11. Mr. Ingoldby, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 3rd July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have under consideration a further amended application from Mr. F. Fordom, for permission to establish anew the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle at No. 10, Foxley-road, Lambeth. It may be remembered that the Board refused, on the 4th August and 13th October last, two previous applications from Mr. Fordom in respect of the premises, on the ground of the unsuitability of their position for the purpose proposed. It does not appear to your

Committee that this objection is materially affected by the amendment shown on the Plan submitted with the present application, and they recommend—

That the permission applied for be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration two applications for registration under the Infant Life Protection Act. The necessary Certificates of character have been submitted by the applicants, and the accommodation provided at the premises is in each case sufficient for the number of Infants proposed to be kept. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the following persons and premises be registered, under the Infant Life Protection Act, and that the Board do make Bye-laws fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept on such premises as follows—

Mrs. Harriet Walter, No. 13, Netherland-place, Caledonia-street, King's-cross, Islington, Two Infants.

Mrs. Sarah Arnold, No. 557, King's-road, Fulham, Three Infants.

Your Committee have also had under consideration an application from Mrs. Ball, for the renewal of her registration. The conditions under which the children in her care are to be kept continue to be satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That the application of Mrs. Jane Ball, for renewal of registration for the keeping of Infants at No. 21 Orbel-street, West Castle-lane, Battersea, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law fixing Three as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

Your Committee also submit an application from Mrs. Elizabeth Neat, for permission to keep Three Infants instead of Two, as at present allowed, at her registered premises, No. 15, Station-road, Upper Norwood, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law fixing Three as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Messrs, Norman Oakley and Co. for a License to keep 40 gallons of Petroleum at No. 22, Church-street, Islington. The method of storage proposed is satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That a special License be granted to Messrs. Norman Oakley and Co., for a period of One year from the 6th instant, to keep 40 gallons of Petroleum at No. 22, Church-street, Islington, in a double iron tank, the space between the inner and outer tanks to be filled with sand.

Your Committee also submit a list of 129 applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum, and they recommend—

That in 97 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity, not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91 ; that in four cases Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum at the places named, in stores situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90, and that in 28 cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described therein.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FRED^{K} INGOLDBY,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
JNO. ABBOTT.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, and the Special License, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, and seconded—That the further amended application of Mr. F. Fordam, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle at No. 10, Foxley-road, Lambeth, be not granted.

The motion having been put to the vote, there were for it 27, against it 2, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried ; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the following persons and premises be registered under the Infant Life Protection Act, and that the Board do hereby make Bye-laws fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept on such premises as follows—

Mrs. Harriet Walter, No. 13, Netherland-place, Caledonia-street, King's-cross, Islington, Two Infants.

Mrs. Sarah Arnold, No. 557, King's-road, Fulham, Three Infants.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the registration of Mrs. Jane Ball, under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at No. 21, Orbel-street, West Castle-lane, Battersea, be renewed, and that the Board do hereby make a Bye-law fixing Three as the number of Infants to be kept at such premises.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mrs. Elizabeth Neat, for permission to keep Three Infants, instead of Two, as at present allowed, at her registered premises, No. 15, Station-road, Upper Norwood, be granted, and that the Board do hereby make a Bye-law fixing Three as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That a special License be granted to Messrs. Norman Oakley and Co., for a period of One year from this date, to keep 40 gallons of Petroleum at No. 22, Church-street, Islington, in a double iron tank, the space between the inner and outer tanks to be filled with sand.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the 129 persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places, and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the several foregoing Resolutions were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

12. Mr. Ingoldby, the Chairman of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 3rd July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that an Order was, on the 29th ultimo, issued by the Privy Council, entitled "The Metropolis" (foot and mouth disease) No. 2 Order of 1881, Amendment No. 4, revoking the Amendment Order No. 3, prohibiting the movement of animals exposed for sale in the Metropolitan Cattle Market out of the Metropolis, and re-enacting the provisions of the Metropolis Order of 1881, authorising the movement of such animals out of the Metropolis with a Market Pass, to a Slaughter-house, for the purpose of slaughter within Five days. As the Order was to come into operation on the 2nd July, immediate steps were taken for the preparation of the necessary forms, and for the attendance of a Clerk to issue the Passes. The Board are again indebted to the courtesy of the City Corporation for the use of an Office at the Market for the purpose. Your Committee have authorised the temporary employment of a suitable Clerk for the work, and have fixed the remuneration to be paid to him at 35*s*. per week, the amount previously paid.

Your Committee have further to report that, under their direction, proceedings have been taken against the following persons:—William Gordon Crow, who was fined £5 and 14s. 6d. costs, for causing a glandered horse to be led along a highway, and James W. Sugar, who was fined £7 and 4s. costs for neglecting to give

notice to the Police of having a glandered horse in his possession, and for causing the animal to be led along a highway.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FRED^K. INGOLDBY,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
J. E. BRADFIELD
JNO. ABBOTT.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

13. Mr. Dresser Rogers, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 3rd July, 1883.

Your Committee have considered the Public Health (Dairies, &c.), Bill, which has been laid before the House of Lords by the Government, and which was referred to your Committee on the 22nd ultimo (No. 35). The object of the Bill is to transfer to the Local Government Board the powers which are now exercised by the Privy Council, under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, of making Orders relative to Cow-sheds, Dairies, and Milkshops. This Board is to remain the Local Authority for the supervision of those places within the Metropolis, except the City of London; and by the Bill it is proposed to give Local Authorities a power, which they do not at present possses, of entering upon any land, or into any Cow-shed, Dairy, or Milkshop, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of any Order in force are complied with. Your Committee are of opinion that it is unnecessary for the Board to take any action with respect to the Bill.

Your Solicitor has reported to your Committee that the Select Committee of the House of Commons which had before it the Metropolitan District Railway Bill has inserted in the Bill a Clause for the protection of the Board's Sewers; but has added to it, in opposition to the Board's views, a provision to the effect that any dispute between the Company and the Board arising out of interference with the Sewers shall be settled by an Arbitrator to be appointed by the Board of Trade. Your Committee have on several occasions pointed out the objections to such a reference to Arbitration, the practical effect of which is to give an Arbitrator control over the decision of the Board's Engineer as to what is necessary for the effective maintenance of the Main Sewers. The Board has in many cases successfully resisted the proposal to introduce such a provision, but on the other hand Select Committees have sometimes decided to insert it. Your Committee being of opinion that the principle is one to which the Board should always offer strenuous resistance, have authorised your Solicitor to present a Petition to the House of Lords against the Bill, and to instruct Counsel and witnesses to appear in support of the Petition.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) E. DRESSER ROGERS,
JOHN TOLHURST,
DONALD MUNRO,
W. H. DALTON,
W. R. SELWAY.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Board concur in the opinion of the Committee, that it is unnecessary to take any action with respect to the Public Health (Dairies, &c.) Bill.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the action of the Committee in directing that a Petition be presented to the House of Lords against

the Metropolitan District Railway Bill, and that Counsel and Witnesses be instructed to appear in support of it, be approved.

14. Mr. Munro brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 4th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that it is necessary that the tar-paved paths in Finsbury-park should be re-coated with tar and grit, and they recommend—

That 20 runlets of tar, and 20 yards of grit, be obtained for the purpose at an estimated cost of £30.

Your Committee have had their attention drawn to inconvenience sustained by that portion of the public who appreciate the playing of the Band of the National Sunday League in Finsbury-park. By a Resolution of the Board, permission was refused to the League to sell programmes within the Park, and they are now compelled to do so outside the gates. Having regard to the fact that the Band, instead of playing in the Park proper, as they did when the Resolution was passed, are now placed quite apart from the general public, viz., within the enclosure set apart for Cricket, your Committee are of opinion that the question of the selling of programmes and the letting of chairs might very properly be re-considered; and they therefore recommend—

That it be referred to them for consideration and report.

On the 13th April last (No. 10), the Board passed a Resolution temporarily prohibiting the playing of games on Shepherd's-bush-common, Parson's-green, Wormwood-scrubs, Well-street-common, London-fields, Stoke Newington-common, and Clapton-common, until the newly sown grass seed should have become sufficiently established. Your Committee have now to report that, provided wickets are not actually pitched on the newly sown portions, the grass has become sufficiently established to permit of games being played on the adjoining portions of land on those Commons. They therefore recommend—

That the prohibition referred to be withdrawn.

The attention of your Committee has been drawn to the fact that if the work of raising Brook-green to the level of the adjoining roads is carried out in such a manner as to bury the stems of the old elm trees on the Green, the trees will die. Your Committee consider that this would be a great loss to the Green, and, having regard to the fact that the works of filling-up are rapidly progressing, your Committee are of opinion that the Board should authorise the Superintending Architect to take all necessary steps for preventing the apprehended damage to the trees; and they beg to recommend accordingly.

On the 25th May last (No. 11), your Committee recommended the Board to pay the sum of £6 7s. 10d., in connection with Tithe rent-charge on the Hackney Commons, this being the amount which had hitherto been paid by the Lord of the Manor of "Lord's-hold," whose rights were recently acquired by the Board. Your Committee have now to report that it appears to them advisable that a further sum of £4 17s. 3d., should be paid in connection with the Commons in Lord's-hold, and also £21 0s. 5d., with regard to Common land in the Manor of which Sir John Cass's Charity Trustees are the Lords, and the rights of which have not yet been acquired by the Board. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the Board do order the payment of those two amounts.

Your Committee have had before them a suggestion from the Open Spaces Committee of the Hackney District Board that, this Board should purchase the Lammas rights in certain land in front of the Grocers' Company's School, near Hackney-downs. Your Committee, after due consideration, see no reason why the Board should take any steps in the matter, and they therefore recommend—

That the Open Spaces Committee of the District Board be informed to that effect.

An application has been made to your Committee by the Park Band Society, for permission to place a Band on Sundays in Southwark-park. No reference has been made to the sale of programmes, or the letting of chairs, and your Committee see no reason why the Society, which at present have Bands in Regent's-park and Hyde-park should not be allowed a similar privilege in Southwark-park. They therefore recommend—

That, during the pleasure of the Board, the necessary permission be granted, and that the Band be placed on the spot occupied on Saturday evenings by the Crown brass band.

Your Committee have had their attention drawn to the necessity for providing foot-boards for the 69 new seats in Finsbury-park. Your Committee recently visited the Park, and satisfied themselves as to the necessity for the work, which will cost £22 10s., and they beg to recommend—

That the expenditure be sanctioned.

Your Committee, on their recent visit to Finsbury-park, also had their attention called to the necessity of repairing the boundary fence of the Park. The material for the work is estimated to cost £37, and, as it is one which is absolutely necessary, your Committee beg to recommend—

That the expenditure be sanctioned for the purchase of material, the Board providing the necessary labour.

On the 27th April last (No. 35), the Board authorised your Committee to enquire if the Vestry of Camberwell would be prepared to add to the public way an outlying portion of Peckham-rye, situate at the end of Rye-lane, and to maintain it hereafter as part of the road-way. Your Committee have now to report that the Vestry have agreed to the proposition, and they therefore recommend the Board to instruct the Solicitor to carry out the necessary Agreement.

In pursuance of the reference by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 51), your Committee have considered the application of Mr. Muir, for permission to hold religious services on Sunday evenings, on South-mill-field, Hackney. Having regard to the fact that the question of public meetings on Peckham-rye is under the consideration of the Board, and that the decision in that case may affect other Open Spaces, your Committee consider it undesirable, at present, to grant any permission of the kind suggested by Mr. Muir. They accordingly recommend—

That a communication founded on this Report be sent to Mr. Muir.

The works of cleansing and levelling the bottom of the Long Pond on Clapham-common being nearly completed, it becomes necessary to take steps for filling up the Pond with water, and maintaining it at a proper level. Your Committee have therefore to recommend—

That the water be now laid on to the Pond, at an estimated cost of £25.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of whiting for use in Finsbury-park, and notice boards for Southwark-park and Peckham-rye, and also some water pails for use at Plumstead-common. They have also authorised the execution of repairs to the Board's property in Finsbury and Southwark Parks; the construction of a gateway and some levelling works on Hackney-downs, and the erection of some fencing on Peckham-rye.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) DONALD MUNRO,
WM. SHEPHERD,
THOS. TURNER,
GEO. EDWARDS.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That 20 runlets of tar and 20

yards of grit be obtained, at an estimated cost of £30, for re-coating the tar-paved paths in Finsbury-park.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, and seconded—That the question of granting permission to the National Sunday League to sell programmes and let chairs on hire in the Cricket ground in Finsbury-park, be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report.

After discussion, the motion was put to the vote, when there were for it 21, against it 9; and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the temporary prohibition of games on the several Open Spaces referred to in the Resolution of the Board of the 13th April last (No. 10), be now withdrawn, in consequence of the grass having become sufficiently re-established.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That, in filling up Brook-green to the level of the adjoining roads, the Superintending Architect be instructed to take all necessary steps to prevent any injury being done to the old Elm trees on the Green, by the raising of the earth around the trunks thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do pay the following sums in respect of Tithe-rent charge on the Commons in the Hackney District, viz.. £4 17s. 3d. in connection with the Commons in the Manor of Lord's-hold, and £21 0s. 5d., with regard to Common-land in the Manor of which Sir John Cass's Charity Trustees are the Lords.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That, in the opinion of the Board, it is not desirable that they should take any steps for purchasing the Lammas rights in certain land in front of the Grocers' Company's School, near Hackney-downs, and that the Open Spaces Committee of the Hackney District Board be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That permission be granted, during the pleasure of the Board, to the Park Band Society to place a Band on Sundays in Southwark-park, on the part occupied by the Crown Brass Band on Saturday evenings.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That foot-boards be fitted to the sixty new seats in Finsbury-park at an estimated cost of £22 10s.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the boundary fencing in Finsbury-park, next the Cricket ground, be repaired, at an estimated cost for material of £37.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That inasmuch as the Vestry of Camberwell have agreed to add to the public road-way the outlying portion of Peckham-rye, situated at the end of Rye-lane, and to maintain it hereafter as part of the road-way, it be referred to the Solicitor to take steps for preparing the necessary Agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Muir be informed, in reply to his Letter requesting permission to hold religious services on South-mill-field on Sunday evenings, that the subject of public Meetings on Open Spaces is under the consideration of the Board, and that, pending a decision thereon, the Board do not consider it desirable to comply with his request.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That water be laid on for the re-filling of the Long Pond on Clapham-common, at an estimated cost of £25.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 6th July, 1883, on the undermentioned

sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestries and District Boards—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
ST. MARYLEBONE.				
Montagu-square, Upper George-street, and Gloucester-place.	1,742	4′ 0″ × 2′ 8″	1 brick.	Recommended subject to the gradients of the sewers in Upper George-street and Gloucester-place being 1 in 212 and 1 in 115 respectively, in lieu of 1 in 240 and 1 in 100, as shown upon the sections submitted.
WANDSWORTH.				
Tooting-beck-common	466	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
NEWINGTON.				
Providence, Phelp, Cancel, Elizabeth, Smith, Doctor, Date, and Merrow Streets.	1,630 1,970	15-inch. 12 „	pipe. „	Recommended as applied for.
ST. GILES.				
Streatham-street, Bloomsbury	125	4′ 0″ × 2′ 6″	1 brick	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestries and District Boards be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 6th July, 1883, on applications from the following Vestry and District Board, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
ST. MARYLEBONE.					
1883. 3rd July.	Marylebone-road, at its junction with Chapel-street.	Paving.	1 week.	1 week.	Stafford, &c., Streets.
ST. GILES.					
„ „	Streatham-street, Bloomsbury.	Sewerage.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	Great Russell, &c., Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestry and District Board, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

17. The following Report was laid before the Board—

Engineer's Department, Spring-gardens, S.W.,
2nd July, 1883.

MONTHLY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SEVERAL SPECIAL CONTRACT WORKS.

Ratcliff-highway, &c., Sewers Relief Lines.—Messrs. John Mowlem and Company, Contractors.—About 17,700 feet run of brick sewers, varying in size from 7 feet 3 inches, barrel, to 4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches, egg-shape, are constructed, at an estimated cost, with other works in connection therewith, of £67,200, of which £1,200 are due to the past month's progress. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. W. Raeburn, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Whitecross-street, St. Luke's (Artizans' Dwellings) Scheme.—Messrs. John Mowlem and Company, Contractors.—Works in connection with the newly-paving, &c., of the remaining streets embraced in this improvement scheme have been executed to the value of about £4,000, of which £3,400 represent the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. G. Skipper, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Whitechapel and Limehouse (Artizans' Dwellings) Scheme.—Mr. F. H. Colepeper, Contractor.—Works to the value of about £860 (of which about £500 represent the past month's progress) have been executed in connection with the widening and extension of Cartwright-street and Providence-place, Whitechapel. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. J. Fixter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Goulston-street, Whitechapel (Artizans' Dwellings) Scheme.—Mr. J. J. Griffiths has made a commencement with the works (lately undertaken by him for the sum of £4,980) of paving a part of the streets included in this Improvement Scheme. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. J. Carter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Essex-road, Islington (Artizans' Dwellings) Scheme. — Messrs. Nowell and Robson have commenced the works of the Contract (lately entered into by them for the sum of £8,595) for the construction of sewers and laying paving in the streets embraced in the area of this Improvement. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. T. Panter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Kentish-town Improvement. — Messrs. Nowell and Robson are also proceeding with the works for widening Kentish-town-road and Monte Video-place, at and near their points of intersection, the value of the completed work being about £3,500, of which £2,700 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. E. Hewett, Jun., at a weekly cost of £2 16s.

Deptford Storm Overflow.—Messrs. Pearson and Son, Contractors.—Lengths of 1,450 feet of sewer (13 feet 6 inches by 11 feet in size) and 850 feet of sewer (3 feet by 2 feet) are complete, and a further length of 484 feet of the larger of the two sewers is in progress. The estimated value of these, and of other works in connection therewith, is £13,130, of which £2,300 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. H. Noble, at a weekly cost of £4 4s.

Clapham to Putney Relief Sewers.—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—About 3,910 feet run of new sewers, varying in size from 9 feet by 6 feet to 5 feet by 4 feet 6 inches, are complete, and a further length of about 250 feet is in progress. The estimated value of these, and of other works in connection therewith, is £14,530, of which £5,610 represent the past month's progress. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. W. Morton, W. Jeffery, C. Bedloe, R. Lynn, J. Scott, W. Dennis, J. Bollam, and J. Judd, at a weekly cost of £26 5s.

Waterloo Bridge; Strengthening Foundations.—Mr. W. Webster, Contractor.—The Contract work in connection with the second, third, fourth and fifth piers from the Surrey end of the Bridge is complete; the temporary staging around the fifth pier is undergoing removal, and that around the first Surrey pier has been erected, and a portion of the permanent piling has been driven. Permanent work has been executed to the value approximately of £27,000, of which £1,000 is due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. A. Boag and B. Butcher, at a weekly cost of £6 6s.

Wandsworth Bridge.—Messrs. B. Cooke and Co., Contractors.—With the exception of tarring the bases of the cylindrical piers, and which operation is now fast approaching completion, the whole of the works comprised in this Contract have, for some time past, been completed. The Clerk of Works employed upon this and other works is Mr. T. Carey, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Putney (New) Bridge—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—The Contract work specified in connection with the new Putney draw-dock has been practically completed, and its authorised re-construction is also approaching completion. The Northern and Southern abutment coffer-dams, and the first Surrey and first Middlesex pier coffer-dams are complete. The concreting &c., of the Surrey abutment, the excavation of the Northern abutment, the demolition of the original aqueduct, and the erection of the temporary staging across the Thames are in course of execution. The water-mains have been removed, and the brick sewer, (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size) under the Northern approach road-way to the Bridge, and the retaining and screen walls to the Fulham Vicarage are nearly completed. The total value of the permanent work executed is, approximately, £19,000. The Clerk of Works and the Piling Inspector employed are Mr. J. Rigg and Mr. G. Creighton, at a weekly cost of £5 13s.

Deptford-creek Bridge.—Mr. G. Moss has made a commencement with the works of this Contract, lately undertaken by him for the sum of £8,873. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. P. Sharpe, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, and that it be printed and circulated among the Members of the Board.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th July, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. Mowlem and Co., on behalf of the Corporation of the City of London, applying for permission to construct crossings in the foot-way of the Victoria Embankment, to the new roads formed on the land belonging to the Corporation, at Whitefriars, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application; recommending that the two crossings be sanctioned, upon conditions similar to those upon which the Board sanctioned the formation of the crossing Eastward of those now applied for, viz., that they be formed with granite cubes and proper kerbs and foundations, in all respects to his, the Engineer's, satisfaction.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted on the conditions recommended therein.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th July, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. Parr, Strong, and Parr, on behalf of Messrs. De La Rue and Co., inquiring as to the connection of the drains from their premises with the new Sewer about to be constructed by the Board in Twister's-alley, for the purposes of the Whitecross-street (Artizans' &c. Dwellings Act) Improvement Scheme; recommending that the applicants be informed that upon their sending in a Plan showing the exact position of the drains which they required should enter the new Sewer, the requisite junctions would be left in the latter for the purpose of receiving the drains.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Messrs. Parr and Co. be so informed.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th May, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. H. E. Jones, Engineer of the Commercial Gas Company, relative to shifting the Company's Main to the centre of the newly-widened Middlesex-street, Whitechapel, in connection with the Goulston-street (Artizans, &c. Dwellings Act) Improvement Scheme; stating that it appeared to Mr. Jones desirable to suggest to the Board, under the circumstances stated in the Report, that the Company's Main should be re-laid before the new paving works were executed, and that the work should be done at the joint expense (estimated at £40) of the Board and the Company; that the suggestion seemed to him (the Engineer) a reasonable one, and recommending that it be agreed to upon condition that the Company do carry out the work at a cost to this Board not exceeding £20.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th July, 1883, stating that he had, under the authority of the Board's Resolution of 11th May last, caused an examination to be made of the South-Eastern shaft at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station, and that it appeared that the ornamental parts of the iron work forming the terminals, or capping, were very much decayed, and that works of repair were required to be done to the stonework of the head, and the brickwork, and also the fastenings, &c., of the iron bands, and recommending that those works, and the removal of the ironwork, should be forthwith executed by the Board's General Contractors, at a probable cost of £300 for each shaft; further stating that the attachment of the lightning conductor to the base of the iron top had also been much affected and partially destroyed by heat and corrosion, and suggesting that if, during the execution of the work above recommended, upon further examination and testing the lightning conductors should be found defective, they be re-placed, at a further cost of about £50 for each conductor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration,

with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th July, 1883, on a Letter from the Surveyor to the West Ham Local Board, relative to a proposal by the Dagenham Commissioners to lay a 12-inch pipe, and fill up the ditch, in Marsh-gate-lane, Stratford, and asking for payment of this Board's proportion of the cost—£148 0s. 1d.; submitting a Plan of the locality, and stating that the ditch was now the boundary of the Board's land; that if it were filled up a proper fence would be required, at a cost (in addition to the amount stated by the Surveyor) of about £130, and that, so far as the Board were concerned, there was no necessity for the work suggested, and recommending that the Board should decline to accede to the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th July, 1883, on Letters from Messrs. Harris and Sons, of Marsh-gate-lane, Stratford, calling attention to a defective portion of the Board's fencing adjoining the Soap works, and asking that the existing iron hurdle fence might be re-placed by a high post-and-rail fence; stating that the defective piece of fencing referred to in Messrs. Harris's first Letter had been repaired, and also stating, with respect to the high fence asked for, that the iron hurdle fence was a dwarf one, which was erected when the Sewer was constructed about 20 years since; that it answered its purpose as a fence until refuse from Messrs. Harris's works was placed on the adjoining land close to, and nearly to the top of the fence, so that the operations of Messrs. Harris, or of persons acting in connection with them, had created the necessity for the new fence asked for, but that, under the circumstances, he could not recommend the Board to accede to the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Messrs. Harris and Sons be informed that the Board cannot accede to their application.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 6th July, 1883, stating that the following quantities of Coal were required for use at the Western Pumping Station, viz.:—

	£. s. d.
75 Tons of Welsh Coal	58 15 0
75 ,, Tanfield Moor Coal...	48 15 0
Total ...	£107 10 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 6th July, 1883, recommending that the requisite labour be supplied under the General Contract, for assisting in black varnishing the side-entrance flaps to the Main Sewers in District "B" on the South side of the Thames, at an estimated cost of £30.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the labour be supplied accordingly; the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

26. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 6th July, 1883, recommending that repairs be executed to one of the Boilers, and that washers be made for the Engines at the Deptford Pumping Station, and that the works be done by Messrs. J. and G. Rennie, at an estimated cost of £30.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved,

and that the works be executed by Messrs. Rennie accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

27. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. Morter, applying for permission to erect a temporary hoarding on the foot-way of the Victoria Embankment approach road, at the South-West corner of Arundel-street, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application; stating that the hoarding was required for the purpose of the works of taking down the buildings known as the Arundel Hotel, and re-building the premises, and recommending that it be allowed, subject to its being erected and maintained to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board, and that no placards be displayed upon it.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted, on the conditions recommended therein.

28. The Solicitor reported that the Agreement between the Board and the Crown with reference to the acquisition of a portion of the garden of Trinity-square, Tower-hill, for the purpose of widening Postern-row, as proposed by the Metropolitan Street Improvements Bill, 1883, had been sealed and forwarded to the Office of Woods, &c., and that the Board's Bill had been appointed for consideration by Lord Redesdale's Committee on the 12th instant.

29. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges, &c.,) Bill was still awaiting the report on the amendments made therein by the Select Committee of the House of Lords.

30. Read a Report, as follows—

6th July, 1883.

Metropolitan Board of Works (District Railway) Bill (Ventilators).

London Commissioners of Sewers (Ventilation of Railways).

I have to report that these Bills were further considered by Mr. Stansfeld's Committee on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday last, when the case for the Metropolitan District Railway Company was continued, at the conclusion of which Captain Galton, the Arbitrator appointed under the Metropolitan District Railway Act of 1881, was examined by the Committee, and at the conclusion of his evidence speeches were made by Mr. Pope, Q.C., on behalf of the Railway Company, Mr. Saunders, Q.C., in support of the Board's Bill, and Mr. Littler, Q.C., on behalf of the Bill of the London Commissioners of Sewers. The Committee thereupon adjourned until One o'clock on Wednesday to make known their decision, which was in the following terms—

"The Chairman: I have to announce that the Committee are not prepared to pass the "Preamble of either of the two Bills before them without amendment. It will be "sufficient explanation of this conclusion to say that both Preambles, as well as the "Bills themselves, contemplate the closing of each one of the Ventilators awarded "by Captain Galton, but that, practically speaking, no evidence is before the "Committee against the continuance of Ventilators No. 1 and No. 9. Practically, we "say that no evidence is before us against the continuance of those Ventilators. "Assuming the necessary amendment of one or other of the Preambles, the next "question would seem to be with which of the two Bills it would be better to "proceed, and the Committee is disposed to think that the more convenient "course would be to amend the Preamble of, and to proceed to the discussion of "the Clauses in or to be added to the Bill of the Metropolitan Board of Works. "I may add that as we take there to be no objection to No. 9, the interests of the "City are restricted to the case of one Ventilator. Supposing the Metropolitan "Board of Works to proceed with their Bill, the next question would appear to be "whether it is possible to introduce into that Bill a Clause binding the Company "to use all practicable and reasonable means to prevent the emission from the "Ventilators of steam and smoke. We have in our minds especially the evidence "of Mr. Barry, at 1632–1634. The Committee would be disposed to consider such "Clause if presented to them, and as its acceptance might have an influence upon "their view of the fitness and manner of dealing with some of the Ventilators, "the consideration of such new Clause might advisably precede any discussion "upon the several Ventilators themselves. The Committee have thought it

"advisable to give this general intimation of their state of mind at this moment, "thinking that it may be for the convenience of parties to have done so."

The Committee then adjourned until to-day, for the purpose of giving the parties time for the preparation and consideration of a Clause to carry out the suggestions of the Committee.

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

31. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan District Railway Bill had been read a third time in the House of Commons last night.

32. The Solicitor reported that the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was on the paper for consideration in Committee of the House of Lords on Monday last, when Lord Sudeley had asked leave to withdraw the Order relating to the Woolwich and South-East London Tramway, upon which a discussion had arisen, and it had been ultimately agreed to postpone the consideration of the Bill until the 10th instant.

33. The Solicitor reported that the London and South-Western Railway (Various Powers) Bill had been referred to a Committee, presided over by Earl Bathurst, and that he (the Solicitor) expected to be able to agree with the Promoters upon Clauses on behalf of the Board.

34. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Public Health Act Amendment Bill, which had been introduced by Mr. Dodds, Sir Edward Reed, and Mr. Morley, and stated that it proposed to amend the Public Health Acts in relation to private improvement expenses, and reported that it stood for second reading this evening, and he suggested that the Board should refer the Bill to the Parliamentary Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Bill be referred to the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration.

35. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolis Improvement Provisional Order Bills, for confirming the Orders as to the Tench-street, St. George-in-the-East; the Brook-street, Limehouse; the Windmill-row, New-cut, Lambeth; and the Trafalgar-road, Greenwich, Schemes, under the Artizans' &c., Dwellings Act, awaited the Royal assent.

36. The Solicitor reported that the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill, for confirming the Provisional Orders relating to Chelsea and Greenwich, had been referred to a Select Committee of seven Members, and that an Order had, after discussion, been made by the House of Commons, referring all Petitions, and the Report, &c., of the Select Committee on the Electric Lighting Bill, 1882, to the Committee, and directing that Petitioners should be heard by Counsel, &c.

37. The Solicitor reported that the second reading of the Commons and Inclosure Acts Amendment Bill had been deferred until the 10th instant.

38. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Local authorities (removal of disqualification) Bill, which proposed to amend the law respecting the disqualification of Members of Local Authorities having shares or interests in Newspapers.

39. The Solicitor reported that the following Bills had received the Royal Assent—

East London Railway,
Thames Navigation.

40. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Torrens, M.P., had asked the Chairman of the Board whether similar regulations might not be applied in Finsbury-park for the convenience of visitors on Sundays and holidays, to those observed in Hyde-park, and that the Chairman had replied to the effect that, assuming that the regulations referred to were those relating to the Band, and to the hire of seats, and sale of programmes in the Park, he desired to state that a recommendation would be made to the Board to refer the whole question to a Committee for consideration.

41. The Solicitor reported that Sir Edward Watkin had placed the following questions on the paper of the House of Commons—

" To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if his attention " has been directed to the storage of Petroleum in and near the Metropolis."

" Whether he is aware that at the present time there is stored at the seven " Wharves in the Metropolitan area, 335,000 barrels, equal to 13,400,000 gallons, " and that at one Wharf alone on the Thames over 80,000 barrels, equal to " 3,200,000 gallons, are stored mostly in the open air 15 to 20 feet above the level " of the surrounding property without any adequate protection to prevent the " inflammable material flowing into the River and neighbourhood in case of " accident."

" Whether such storage is under the control of either the Government, the " Metropolitan Board of Works or the Thames Conservancy."

" And if the mode of storing has been sanctioned by the Home Office."

42. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Broadhurst had asked the First Lord of the Treasury whether he would advise Her Majesty to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the dwelling accommodation for the Labouring classes, and the evils consequent on overcrowding in the Metropolis and other large towns, with a view to legislation on the subject, and that Mr. Gladstone had replied to the effect that the Government were not inclined, under present circumstances, to propose that a Commission should be issued.

43. The Solicitor reported that it might become necessary, before the next Meeting of the Board, to affix the Seal to Petitions on their behalf against Bills in Parliament.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman of the Board be requested and authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Board to any Petitions which it may become necessary to present to Parliament on behalf of the Board before the next Meeting.

44. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements as to the undermentioned Loan had been completed, viz.—

	Amount of Loan.
Guardians of St. Pancras	... £50,000

45. Read a Report, as follows—

6th July, 1883.

Hampstead-heath Games—The Board against Pritchard.

The Petty Sessions, held at Hampstead on the 4th instant, heard the evidence on the Summons taken out against Mr. Pritchard for playing Cricket on the West-heath, and, after considerable discussion, dismissed the Summons, and ordered the Board to pay 5 guineas costs.

On application by the Board the Bench consented to state a Case for the opinion of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, as to the validity of the Bye-law made by the Board.

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

46. The Solicitor reported that the Board's Money Bill had been introduced by Mr. Courtney and Lord Richard Grosvenor, and read a first time in the House of Commons on Wednesday last, and that the second reading had been appointed for the 9th instant.

47. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Conveyance by the Rev. G. J. Scott, of No. 37, Portpool-lane, and the site of Nos. 1 to 4, Bell-alley, Gray's-inn-road, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Gray's-inn-road Improvement).

Contract with Mr. H. Farmer for letting for one year, from 25th March last, certain parts of Finsbury-park for sheep grazing.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

48. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 22nd ultimo (No. 18), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Iverson-road, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	Hampstead.
Maygrove-road, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	Do.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

49. The Clerk laid before the Board a Memorial from Mr. W. Luff, and 296 other persons frequenting Southwark-park, praying the Board to take into their consideration the question of erecting a Band-stand in the Park for the use of the Crown Band, and to permit the sale of programmes of the music.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report.

50. The Clerk presented a copy Report by the Water Examiner, appointed by the Board of Trade, of the examination made by him of the Water supplied by the Metropolitan Water Companies during the month of May last.

51. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. R. Bourne, dated 28th June, 1883 acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Letter of the 20th ultimo, relative to certain Dangerous Structures, Nos. 62, 64 and 66, Chenies-mews, Saint Pancras; and stating that he would dispute the Board's claim for expenses with regard thereto upon their taking steps to enforce payment.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

52. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. F. Denny, Clerk, *pro. tem.*, to the Vestry of Islington, dated 30th June, 1883, transmitting a Memorial of inhabitants and tradesmen in the neighbourhood of Angler's-gardens, Essex-road, Islington, complaining of the delay in erecting Artizans' dwellings on the vacant plots set apart for the purpose of the Scheme, and expressing the regret of the Vestry at the apparent loss to the trade of the neighbourhood and to the Rates of the Parish.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto.

53. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. Bayley, Clerk to the St. Olave District Board, dated 29th June, 1883, stating that an opportunity was offered of extending the widening of Bermondsey-street, by setting back Nos. 13, 14 and 15, to the new frontage line, as shown on the Plan accompanying the Letter, at an estimated cost of £90, and asking the Board to contribute a moiety of the cost.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

54. The Clerk presented a Memorial from owners and occupiers of property in Graham-road, Hackney, in favour of the proposed erection by Mr. J. H. Branscombe of show-cases at the Mare-street end of Graham-road.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates; and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

55. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

The Board of Works for the Lewisham District.

Catford, S.E., 2nd July, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed to apply to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction to the borrowing by this Board of the sum of £2,920, for granite-paving, tar-paving, and Improvement works, of which works detailed particulars are sent herewith, and I have to request that you will submit such application to the Board accordingly.

I am also to request that the Metropolitan Board will sanction the re-payment of each sum over the longest period of years usually granted for each similar work, and that they will advance the same to this Board under the provisions of their Acts for the purpose.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) EDW^D. WRIGHT.
Secretary to the Board.

The Clerk of the
Metropolitan Board of Works.

(*Enclosure.*)

Kerbing, channelling and paved crossings	£2,140
Tar-paving	600
Works of Improvement	180
	£2,920

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer, the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

56. The Clerk presented two Letters from Mr. P. Kenney, dated 2nd July, 1883, referring to the opposition offered to the Board's schemes for providing additional communications across the Thames below London Bridge, and transmitting copy of a Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Executive Council of the General Labourers' Amalgamated Union, thanking the Board for their opposition to the Tower (Thames) Subway scheme, and urging them to take immediate steps for carrying out the means of communication across the Thames proposed by them.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be received.

57. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, dated 3rd July, 1883, stating that the New Grand Theatre, built on the site of the late Philharmonic Theatre, at Islington, was completed, and requesting the Board to grant their Certificate in respect thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

58. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. L. Courtney, Treasury, dated 3rd July, 1883, stating that the Lords Commissioners approved of the Board's Money Bill, and that they would cause it to be introduced into Parliament forthwith.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parliamentary Committee.

59. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Newman, Hon. Secretary of the Hackney Juvenile Mission and Ragged Schools, requesting permission to take the school boys and band into Finsbury-park on Saturday, the 7th instant.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be complied with.

60. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Fairbairn, on behalf of the Political Committee of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers Association, applying for permission to hold

a Meeting in Southwark-park on Sunday the 22nd instant, and to continue the same from Sunday to Sunday during the summer season, for the purpose of discussing the subjects of social abuses, political reform, and matters of public policy.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

61. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Pearce, dated 3rd July, 1883, transmitting a copy of Resolutions passed at a public meeting of inhabitants of Fulham and Hammersmith, relative to the desirability of an effort being made to secure sufficient open space for a public Park and Recreation-ground in the Fulham District, and asking the Board to receive a Deputation on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Deputation be received on Friday next, at 12 o'clock at noon.

62. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. Gill, Secretary of the Chelsea Waterworks Company, dated 4th July, 1883, transmitting a copy of the Accounts of the Company for the year ended the 31st March last.

63. The Clerk presented a Letter from Dr. Neale, requesting to be allowed to give the Board a practical demonstration of the advantages of his "Chemical Lung" for purifying buildings and underground Railways.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

64. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 3rd instant, as follows —

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·5	17·0	17·2	8·6	7·4	7·9	0·4	0·0	0·2	None.
	Camden ..	17·3	16·9	17·1	10·6	8·8	9·6	0·3	0·1	0·2	,,
	Dalston ..	17·4	16·8	17·1	11·2	9·6	10·4	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Bow	17·8	17·1	17·4	12·2	7·6	9·0	1·4	0·6	0·9	,,
	Chelsea ..	16·8	16·4	16·6	16·3	14·7	15·5	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	18·0	17·1	17·6	10·8	8·4	10·0	0·4	0·1	0·2	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·8	21·1	21·5	8·5	7·2	7·7	0·8	0·6	0·6	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham ..	17·3	16·3	16·7	11·3	8·4	9·7	0·7	0·2	0·4	,,
	Tooley-street ..	16·8	16·5	16·7	13·5	8.4	10·2	0·7	0·0	0·4	,,
	Clapham ..	17·5	16·7	17·0	11·4	9·3	10·4	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Lewisham ..	18·8	17·2	17·9	9·6	6·5	8.0	0·8	0·4	0·6	,,
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford ..	17·6	17·3	17·5	11·3	10·1	10·7	0·4	0·1	0·2	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·2	16·5	16·8	10·7	9.5	10·1	0·8	0·2	0·4	,,

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, on July 3rd, as tested in High-street, Streatham, at 9.30 p.m., was 1·8 inch.

65. Camberwell. — Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. R. White and Sons, for the consent of the Board to the erection of shops on the forecourts of Nos. 2 to 12, Wells-street (even numbers only), to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

66. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. Ludford, on behalf of Mr. C. Anckorn, for the consent of Board to the erection of a one-storey shop, on a portion of the forecourt of No. 68,

Southampton-street, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shop from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

67. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th June, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. G. Pearson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a three-storey addition at the rear of No. 71, Rosemary-road, at the corner of Camden-grove, North, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

68. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Monson, on behalf of the Trustees of the late Mr. W. Weaver, and Mr. Nickinson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 266, 268, 270 and 272, Uxbridge-road, Hammersmith, and of a house and a one-storey shop adjoining No. 278, Uxbridge-road, at the corner of Arminger-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

69. Hampstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Ellis, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses and shops, and a Public-house on the East side of Edgware-road, at the corner of Loveridge-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

70. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr W. H. Mansbridge, on behalf of Mr. B. Dore, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a covered way at the side of Montague-villa, Seven-sisters'-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

71. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th June, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Barker, on behalf of the Committee of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Forest-hill, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Church, with a projecting porch and cloak rooms, on the West side of Devonshire-road, Forest-hill, between Eaton-villa and Waverley-villa, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

72. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. B. Wall, on behalf of Mr. C. E. Banks, for approval by

the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge boards to six pairs of semi-detached houses on the East side of Weigall-road, Eltham-road, Lee.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

73. Poplar.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Morris, on behalf of Mr. G. Reed, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey bay-windows and open porticoes on portions of the forecourts of No. 84, East India Dock-road, and two adjoining houses, proposed to be erected, and of one-storey bay-windows to three houses on the East side of Oriental-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

74. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. C. Collyer and Son, on behalf of the Earl of Home, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden blind box over the first floor front windows of No. 6, Grosvenor-square.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

75. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. E. Mundy, on behalf of Mr. E. Huxley, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of No. 13, Old Cavendish-street, with projecting brick pilasters, a bay-window on the first and second floors, stone cills to the windows, and a stone hood, with brackets, over the entrance door, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

76. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. P. Miller, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge boards to the dormer windows of six semi-detached houses, on the West side of Earlsfield-road, at the corner of Heathfield-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

77. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Kynock, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge boards to five houses on the South side of Laitwood-road, Balham, at the junction with Ormeley-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

78. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. J. Lynes, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge boards to two pairs of houses, on the South side of Allfarthing-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

79. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July,

1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Colonel Farquharson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden porch to a Lodge at "The Highlands," Putney-heath.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

80. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th July, 1883, on a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the construction of a cellar flap on a portion of the public way in front of No. 8, Tyneham-grove, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

81. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th June, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Rayner, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two bay-windows, two storeys in height, on a portion of the forecourt of White Lodge, Bellevue-road, Wandsworth-common, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any, manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

82. Westminster.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Whichcord, on behalf of the Committee of St. Stephen's Club, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden porch on a portion of the forecourt of the Club-house, on the Victoria Embankment.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

83. Chelsea.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th July, 1883 on a Letter from Mr. S. Wood, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of a shed, at the rear of No. 5 Lot's-road, not in accordance with the Drawing approved by the Board, on 12th January last (No. 73).

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

84. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Lennard, on behalf of the Sussex Chemical Works Company, Limited, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft at their premises at East Greenwich.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the off-set external be executed in splayed bricks, and that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

85. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. T. Croggon and Co., on behalf of the Committee of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Mission, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building, at the rear of the Priory, in Upper-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

86. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Johnson and Phillips, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft at the Victoria works, at Charlton.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

87. Wandsworth—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of the Committee of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Mission, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building at Down's Lodge, on the South side of Merton-road, High-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

88. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Wood, for the permission of the Board to retain a wooden addition erected at the rear of "The Limes," and "The Laurels," on the South side of Culverden-road, Balham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

89. Bethnal-green.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Hills and Fletcher, on behalf of Mr. G. Chambers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the East side of Peel-grove.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application be not granted.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Ewin, and seconded by Mr. Dresser Rogers—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report; and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and, having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

90. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. D. W. Aston, on behalf of Mr. G. Bower, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the East side of Addison-road, Holland-park.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

91. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th June, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. J. Jerrard, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of an extension of Ellerdale-street.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

92. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th June, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Chappell, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the North side of Bayswater-road, into Moscow-road, and also of two other roads in connection therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

93. City of London.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. B. Marsh, on behalf of the City of London Real Property Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of No. 101, Fenchurch-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

94. City of London.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. B. Marsh, on behalf of the City of London Real Property Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Cross-lane, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

95. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. D. Reekie, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a covered way at the rear of No. 107, Mortimer-road, Kingsland.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

96. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. C. Pawley, on behalf of Mr. Morgan, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron shed at the rear of his Dairy, on the South side of Sydenham-road, Lower Sydenham, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

97. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Shinn, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed on the North side of Regent's-buildings, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

98. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Henley, on behalf of the Patent Concrete Building Apparatus Company, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a Church, in St. Hugh's-road, Penge, at the corner of Castledine-road, with walls of Portland cement concrete.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that a License, with such conditions as to the quality and composition of the concrete, and other matters, as are contained in the form of License approved by the Board on the 28th November, 1879 (No. 6), be issued to the applicant.

99. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. F. R. Meeson, District Surveyor, stating that he was desirous of removing his District Office to Holly Lodge, Lower Clapton-road, on and after the 29th September next, and asking for the Board's approval thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the situation of the said District Office be approved from 29th September next.

100. East Newington, and part of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the applications of Mr. G. Lansdown, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of Fees for special services performed by him in certifying as to the cutting away of chimney-breasts in the party-wall between the block of new Industrial Dwellings, and No. 22, Swan-street, Newington, and also between Nos. 90 and 92 Westminster-bridge-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 20s. in respect of each of the special services referred to.

101. City of London (Eastern Division).—Read a communication from Mr. Hyman Henry Collins, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of the Eastern Division of the City of London, dated 25th June, 1883, notifying that No. 1, Church-row, Hounsditch, was about to be re-built under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. Hyman Henry Collins, District Surveyor for the District of the Eastern Division of the City of London, did on the 25th day of June, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Hyman Henry Collins, was engaged to act professionally in respect of the re-building of No. 1, Church-row, Hounsditch, and the said Hyman Henry Collins, has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Edmund Woodthorpe, District Surveyor for the District of the Northern Division of the City of London, be appointed by this Board, and the said Edmund Woodthorpe is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

102. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, a License in respect of an iron studio erected at the rear of No. 9, Rochester-road, Camden-town.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

103. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of buildings on the North side of Star-lane, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

104. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th July, 1883, stating that, under the authority given to him by the Board, at their last Meeting, he had engaged Mr. T. C. Walker, at a salary of £4 4s. per week, to temporarily perform the duties hitherto discharged by Mr. Millwood; and that Mr. Millwood would take up the duties assigned to him by the Board, and thus enable Mr. Hebb to devote the greater part of his time and attention to the Theatres and Music-halls.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the engagement of Mr. Walker be approved.

105. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th July, 1883, on a further Letter from Mr. F. H. Collins, on behalf of Mr. Petzing, relative to the erection of stabling on the North side of Star-lane, at the rear of No. 62 to 68, May-street, without the open spaces at the rear thereof, required by the 14th Section of the Amendment Act of 1882.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto; and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

106. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Parish of St. Pancras,
Guardians' Offices,
Vestry-hall, Pancras-road, N.W.,
5th July, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed by the Guardians of the Poor of this Parish to ask that your Board will be pleased to lend to the Guardians the sum of £11,000 for the purchase of a Freehold site for additional Workhouse buildings in this Parish, such sum to be re-paid by 60 equal half-yearly payments to cover principal and interest.

I am &c,
(Signed) THOS. ECCLESTON GIBB,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Furniss, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 13th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 2.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **13th** day of **July**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. M'Garel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.
Robert Cox, Esq.
John Robert Jolly, Esq.
John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.
Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.
William Halford Fell, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.
Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
John Reddish, Esq.
William Shepherd, Esq.
John Abbott, Esq.
William James Wetenhall, Esq.
Alfred Ewin, Esq.
Lt.-Col. Lord Frederick John FitzRoy.
William Debenham, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.
Robert Jones, Esq.
Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
Thomas John White, Esq.
John Jones, Esq.
Robert Furniss, Esq.
George Hill, Esq.
Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
Thomas Turner, Esq.
James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
Edward John Thompson, Esq.
Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 6th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. The Chairman stated that it was with great regret that he had to inform the Board of the decease of Mr. Deputy Henry Lowman Taylor, the senior representative of the City of London at this Board, which occurred on the 7th instant.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Selway, and resolved, *unanimously*—That the Clerk do communicate to the widow of the late Mr. Deputy Henry Lowman Taylor an expression of the Board's sincere condolence with her in her bereavement.

3. A Deputation from the Vestry of Hampstead, introduced by Mr. Harben, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz., Mr. G. B. Finch, Major-General R.

Young, R.E., Mr. W. Aspinall, Mr. W. Badger, and Mr. H. A. Harben, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, as follows—

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint John, Hampstead, to the Metropolitan Board of Works,

SHEWETH, AS FOLLOWS—

The Vestry have had under consideration the Petition of the Board against the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

The Vestry do not desire to contest the claim of the Board to examine into the Provisional Order for this Parish, but they must express their surprise and regret that some intimation of the contemplated action of the Board was not given at an earlier time, so that the passing of the Provisional Order, during the present Session, should not have been jeopardised.

The whole question was carefully and anxiously considered by a Special Committee of the Vestry, appointed for the purpose, and the Committee was assisted by competent scientific advice.

The Clause with regard to the maximum price was framed so as to offer to the Undertakers an adequate inducement to embark on what is, and must for some time, remain a speculative undertaking, and at the same time, by making the increase of their dividends above a limited rate conditional upon a reduction of price, to give the Undertakers the strongest inducements to lower the charge, and to use the utmost economy and efficiency in their operations.

This policy is borrowed from the more recent legislation with regard to Gas Companies, policy from which, in the case of Gas, the public are deriving great advantages.

With regard to the question of monopoly, the Vestry are advised that under the Electric Lighting Act, 1882, the Undertakers have no monopoly at all, and that, so far as the action of the Board of Trade is concerned, the Undertakers, if they have any monopoly at all, have a monopoly conditional on their providing at all times a sufficient supply of electricity at a reasonable rate.

With regard to the duration of the Order, the Vestry remind the Board that that is a matter which by the Fourth Section of the Act of 1882 is expressly left to the discretion of the Board of Trade.

The Vestry, therefore, submit to the Board that there are no valid grounds of opposition to the Provisional Order for Hampstead, and they earnestly deprecate any course of action on the part of the Metropolitan Board of Works which may have the effect of preventing the confirmation of such Order during the present Session.

And they pray that the opposition of the Board may be withdrawn.

And the Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

The Common Seal of the Vestry was affixed hereto by the Chairman, at a Meeting held this 12th day of July, 1883, in the presence of

(Signed) THOS. BRIDGER,
Vestry Clerk.

L. S.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the said Memorial be referred to the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration and report.

4. A Deputation from inhabitants of Fulham and Hammersmith, introduced by Mr. Brown, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz., the Rev. F. H. Fisher, Mr. J. H. Cardwell, the Rev. F. Bimyon, Mr. J. Loader, Mr. C. Elkins, Mr. J. Stone, Mr. F. P. Marwood, Mr. R. Pearce, Mr. F. A. Smith, Mr. J. G. Rice, Mr. J. Mallard, Mr. J. O. Sandell, Mr. F. W. Agar, Mr. J. W. McLean, Mr. R. Cairns, Mr. T. Goodacre, Mr. J. Burnell, Mr. C. J. Foakes, Mr. G. S. Edwards, Mr. H. W. Henniker Rance, and Mr. J. Bailey, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of Hammersmith and Fulham.

SHEWETH—

That these important districts under the jurisdiction of your Honourable Board, and extending over five square miles, are now being rapidly united into one continuous mass of

houses of small class and comparatively poor population without adequate provision of open space for public recreation purposes.

That, since 1871, the population has increased from 66,000 to 130,000, and the inhabited houses from 11,000 to 20,000.

That, especially in the district between Hammersmith and Fulham, the area uncovered by houses has much diminished during the last few years, and building operations are still rapidly going on, and no provision exists for preserving any open space in this district for public park and recreation ground, nor is there any adequate open spaces in the neighbourhood at all available for the inhabitants.

The enormous poor population of this district, therefore, crave the aid of your Honourable Board to secure for their use the inestimable boon of about one hundred acres of open lands in this district, available for public recreation. And they beg of your Honourable Board to exercise your powers, and, if need be, to apply to Parliament, as soon as possible, for leave to acquire sufficient lands for the purpose, which can now be done at moderate cost if care be taken to acquire only such lands as are not, at the time of purchase, in use for habitations or subject to building arrangements. There can be no doubt that Parliament would most readily entrust the necessary powers to the discretion of your Honourable Board.

If the present opportunity be neglected for a few years, unquestionably the lands at present uncovered will have enormously increased in value, while the public health and well-being will suffer, and public burdens probably increase, for want of open spaces for the people.

The inhabitants of Hammersmith and Fulham urge upon your Honourable Board, as representing the entire Metropolis, that they have contributed largely, in the ordinary course of taxation, to similar benefits in other parts of the Metropolis, and that, by calling attention to the present condition of affairs in the district of Hammersmith and Fulham, they are enabling the Board to undertake, at the most favourable moment, a public work which cannot possibly be long deferred, and which, if postponed, will inevitably occasion far heavier outlay than would now suffice for the same purpose.

That your Memorialists would refrain from pointing out any exact sites or quantity of land, and from offering any estimate of the required outlay, being aware that the experience of your Honourable Board needs no guidance on these subjects; but it may be stated that the lands abutting on the River Thames, and lying between the Distillery, Hammersmith, and the Bishop's-avenue, Fulham, seem most favourably situated for the purposes and district.

And your Memorialists, beg the most favourable consideration by your Honourable Board, and will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the inhabitants of Hammersmith and Fulham, and in pursuance of the Resolutions of a Public Meeting at Beaufort House on Monday, 2nd July, 1883.

(Signed) F. H. FISHER,
And 21 others

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

5. This being the day appointed for receiving Tenders for the formation of a new road-way between the gates of Wormwood-scrubs, and for the execution of other works in connection therewith,

The Clerk laid before the Board the Tenders which he had received, pursuant to the Advertisement.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the several Tenders be now opened.

The several Tenders were then opened, as follows—

Messrs. Kellett and Bentley, No. 4, Queen Victoria-street ...	£2,078	0	0
Messrs. J. Williams, Son and Wallington, No. 132, Shepherd's-bush-road	2,780	0	0
Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Grosvenor Wharf, Westminster	2,926	0	0
Messrs. Turner and Sons, Stanley-bridge Wharf, King's-road, Chelsea	3,000	0	0

Messrs. Tomes and Wimpey, The Grove, Hammersmith	...	£3,185	0	0
Mr. Joseph Mears, No. 78, Queen-street, Hammersmith	...	3,500	0	0
Messrs. Nowell and Robson, Warwick-road, Kensington	...	3,529	0	0
Messrs. Rogers and Dickens, No. 3, Chesterton-road ...	...	3,829	0	0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Edwards, and resolved—That the Tender of Messrs. Kellett and Bentley, for the formation of a new road-way between the gates of Wormwood-scrubs, and for the execution of other works in connection therewith, for a sum of £2,078, be accepted.

Mr. Halliwell, the Agent of Messrs. Kellett and Bentley, was then called in and informed of the foregoing Resolution; and in reply to a question by the Chairman he stated that the firm were prepared to execute the works in accordance with the Specification, and for the amount of their Tender.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Solicitor to prepare the necessary Contract.

6. Mr. Hill handed in a Letter, as follows—

The Vestry of the Parish of Lambeth,
Vestry Hall, Kennington-green, S.E.,
12th July, 1883.

Sir,—I duly received your Letter of the 11th instant, and the same was read to the Vestry at its Meeting to-night. The subject of the Loan of £10,000 has been considered by the General Purposes Committee, and they to-night presented a Report to the Vestry, recommending that the Vestry should at once apply to your Board for the second instalment of the original Loan of £20,000; but that, as Victoria stone is cheaper than York stone, the Vestry should only ask for £9,000, instead of £10,000, making in all £19,000, and not £20,000. The Report of the Committee was adopted by the Vestry to-night, and a Resolution passed asking your Board to advance at once £9,000, such sum to be expended in paving the foot-ways of a moiety of the streets enumerated in my Letter of the 17th March, 1883.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) HENRY J. SMITH,
Clerk to the Vestry.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Hill, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

7. Mr. Selway handed in a Letter, as follows—

St. Mary, Newington,
Clerk's Department, Vestry-hall, Walworth, S.E.,
12th July, 1883.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by this Vestry to acquaint you that they have had under consideration the following copy of a Resolution, passed by the Vestry of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, viz.—

"This Vestry learns with deep regret and astonishment that the Metropolitan Board "of Works withholds its consent to the promoters of the Sunday Band in Finsbury-park, "providing chairs for the accommodation of visitors, and selling programmes of the music. "The Vestry, therefore, most earnestly urges on the Metropolitan Board of Works not only "the justice but the advisability of at once acceeding to such a reasonable and harmless "request, more particularly as the same is permitted in the Royal Parks on like occasions, to "the acknowledged benefit of the public at large."

And that they fully concur in the feeling therein expressed.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) L. J. DUNHAM,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

8. Mr. Adams handed in a Letter, as follows—

St. Giles' District Board of Works,
197, High Holborn, W.C.,
11th July, 1883.

PROPOSED NEW STREET—HOLBORN TO LAW COURTS AND STRAND.

DEAR SIR,—By the direction of this Board I beg to herewith forward you copy Resolution on the above subject passed at their Meeting, held on the 10th instant, and to request the same may be laid before your Board.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. HENRY JONES,
Clerk to the Board.

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

Extracted from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Works for the Saint Giles District, in the County of Middlesex, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of July, 1883.

Read the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of Works of the 6th instant.

After debate thereon,

It was MOVED by Mr. Charles Baker, and SECONDED by Frederick Byles Davage, and RESOLVED unanimously—

"That this Board having considered the Plans of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and that of Mr. Charles Foster Hayward for the proposed new street between Holborn, the Law Courts, and the Strand do approve generally of that of the Metropolitan Board of Works, so far as the same is within this District, but considers that a variation in the line of the proposed new street, at its Northern end, is advisable, and suggests that the Metropolitan Board should include within the limits of deviation on the Parliamentary Plans the whole of the property between Little Queen-street, Gate-street, and Little Turnstile, to enable such deviation to be effected."

RESOLVED—That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Adams, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Resolution be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which they relate.

9. Mr. Cook handed in a Letter, which was read, as follows—

Board of Works for the Poplar District.
117, High-street, Poplar, E.
12th July, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—At the Meeting of this Board, held on Tuesday last, I was directed to forward the accompanying copy of Resolutions then passed on the subject of the action of the Metropolitan Board of Works, with reference to the Bills before Parliament, to confirm the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders affecting the Metropolis, and to ask you to submit such Resolutions to the Board at its next Meeting.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) WM. HENRY FARNFIELD,
Clerk to the Board.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

Board of Works for the Poplar District.

Copies of Resolutions passed at Board Meeting, held on 10th July, 1883.

"That this Board views with surprise and great regret the action of the Metropolitan Board of Works, in seeking to obtain in the Bills confirming the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders affecting the Metropolis certain powers which, in the model Order and the Provisional Orders agreed to by the various Local Authorities and Electric Lighting Companies, were vested alone in such Local Authorities."

"That this Board is of opinion that the creation of a divided responsibility and authority will lead to much difficulty and probable conflict between public bodies."

"That this Board having, after long negotiation with the Metropolitan (Brush) Electric Light Company, and frequent appeals to the Board of Trade, agreed to the form of the Provisional Order to take effect in the Poplar District, protests against any interference on the part of the Metropolitan Board of Works with reference to such Order or the Bill now before Parliament to confirm same."

"That copies of these Resolutions be forwarded to the various Vestries and Distric Boards in the Metropolis."

It was moved by Mr. Cook, and seconded—That the said Letter and Resolutions be referred to the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which they relate.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. Fowler—That the whole question be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote there were, for it 7, against it 19; and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

10. Mr. Brown handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Fulham District.
Clerk's Office, Broadway House, Hammersmith, W.,
12th day of July, 1883.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by this Board to apply to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction to borrow the sum of £5,389 14s. 5d., as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

The Board has, in carrying out various Improvements in the District, paid large sums for Law costs, and for the necessary paving and other works, and is of opinion that the cost of these works, which amount to a considerable sum, should not be imposed wholly upon the present ratepayers, and I am to ask the Metropolitan Board to advance the amount of £5,389 14s. 5d., and to spread the re-payment over as long a term of years as practicable.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOMAS EDW^{D} JONES,
Clerk to the Board.

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

Schedule for Loan, £5,389 14s. 5d.

Improvement.	Cost of Land.	Law and other costs.	Total cost.	Amount of Metropolitan Board's contribution.	Net amount required for Loan.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Albion-road East (Ashburton-cottage) ...	45 0 0	38 14 6	83 14 6	22 0 0	61 14 6
Ann's-terrace (Harwood-road)	120 0 0	160 2 1	280 2 1	60 0 0	220 2 1
Blythe-lane (horse trough and wall) ...	740 0 0	414 4 10	1,154 4 10	370 0 0	784 4 10
Creek Bridge	...	...	445 5 7	204 0 0	241 5 7
Crown-road (Fulham-palace-road)	157 2 10	72 8 0	229 10 10	78 0 0	151 10 10
High-street, Fulham ...	1,602 19 2	95 3 7	1,698 2 9	801 0 0	897 2 9
King-street West (Vine and Asprey)... ...	620 0 0	223 13 10	843 13 10	310 0 0	533 13 10
Wood-paving, West end of King-street ...	5,000 yards at 10s. per yard super. Contract price				2,500 0 0
					£5,389 14 5

(Signed) THOMAS EDW$^{D.}$ JONES,
Clerk.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer, the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

11. Read a Report, as follows—

Accountant's Department,
Spring-gardens, S.W.,
LOAN OF 1883. 13th July, 1883.

We have to report to the Board that, in compliance with their Resolution of the 22nd ultimo, and the instruction given by the Works and General Purposes Committee on the 2nd instant, under the same Resolution, we have completed a Loan to meet the requirements of the Board during the remainder of this year, Mr. Munro having acted, as requested by the Committee, during the absence of Mr. Freeman.

It was decided by the Works and General Purposes Committee that a further issue of 3 per Cent. Stock should be offered for public tender; that the amount should be £1,250,000 (this amount being based on Estimates of expenditure prepared by the Finance Committee), and that the minimum price should be named in the Prospectus. They also sanctioned the Prospectus generally, and empowered us to vary it, if, on conference with the representatives of the Treasury and the Bank of England, it was found expedient.

On the 2nd instant we met in consultation at the Bank of England, Sir Reginald Welby, the Assistant Financial Secretary of the Treasury, and the Governor and Deputy-Governor of the Bank of England. After discussion, it was decided to fix the minimum price of tender at £95 10s. 0d. per cent., and to leave the Prospectus in other respects unaltered.

A notification of the issue was at once sent to the Stock Exchange, Advertisements were inserted in the leading papers of the next morning, and other Advertisements followed.

Tenders were opened on the 12th instant, in our presence at the Bank of England. They amounted to £1,714,500, at prices varying from £97 to the minimum. The lowest accepted price was £95 14s. 0d., at which about 57 per cent. of the whole issue was allotted. The average price was £95 16s. 7d.

We lay before the Board a copy of the official application to the Treasury for sanction to the Loan, the Letter containing their Lordships' sanction, the memorandum signed at the Bank of England on the 3rd instant, as to the minimum price, and a copy of the Prospectus.

It will be necessary that the Board should draw a Cheque for £7,812 10s. 0d. for Stamp-duty, payable to the Receiver-General of Inland Revenue, under 43 and 44 Vic., cap. 20, sec. 54; also that the Finance Committee should report as to the appropriation of the money raised by the Loan; and, lastly, that the Bank of England should be requested to pay over the proceeds of the Loan to the Board's Account at the London and Westminster Bank. We may remind the Board that the Solicitor has advised that the 41st Section of the Loans Act requires the Bank to pay over the money within two days after the same has been received, and the Bank should be informed that it will be convenient to the Board if transfers are made on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

It has not been found necessary to raise a temporary Loan under the authority given us by the Board on the 22nd ultimo.

(Signed) J. M^c^GAREL-HOGG,
Chairman of the Board.
„ JOHN TOLHURST,
Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee.
„ DONALD MUNRO,
Member of the Finance Committee.

Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.,
2nd July, 1883.

– ... ...l the Acts of Parliament 32 and 33 Vic., cap. 102,

Spring-gardens,
19th June, 1883.

(Signed) ARTHUR GUNN,
Accountant.

Government and Bank charges, re Loans, 30 & 39 Vic., c. 65 (Loans)... ... ... sec. 8	(no limit by 43 & 46 Vic., c. 33 sec. 28)	£2,384,879	1	9	1,230,000	– –

Appended to the Estimate is a Schedule of memoranda giving explanation of each item. The money required for the purposes underlined can only be raised in such amounts, and at such times as the Treasury approve.

Your Lordships will observe that the minimum price of issue is not yet named in the Prospectus, and I would ask that you will appoint a representative to meet some of my colleagues and myself at the Bank of England on Tuesday next (to-morrow) at 1 o'clock, to settle what that price shall be. The Loan will then immediately be advertised if my Lords have signified their approval.

I have, &c.,

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG, Chairman of the Board.

LOAN OF 1883.

Estimate of Amounts required.

	Unexhausted borrowing power	Money required.
1. IN RESPECT OF EXPENDITURE, *up to* 31*st December*, 1882 :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hackney Commons, under 44 and 45 Vic., c. 48 (Money), sec. 7 and 45 and 46 Vic., c. 33 („) „ 7	821 10 2	821 10 2
Government and Bank charges, under 38 & 39 Vic., c. 65 (Loans) „ 8	(no limit by 44 & 45 Vic., c. 48, sec. 32)	1,794 4 4
Loans to School Board, under 44 & 45 Vic., c. 48 (Money) „ 18	100,000 – –	100,000 – –
Peckham-rye, under 45 and 46 Vic., c. 33 (Money), sec. 9 ...	1,030 –	1,030 – –
2. IN RESPECT OF EXPENDITURE *in the year* 1883 { under 45 and 46 Vic., c. 33 (Money)—		
Fire Brigade ... ... sec. 10 (*f*)	39,845 3 2	39,845 3 2
Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces ... ... „ 10 (*c*)	5,220 10 –	5,220 10 –
Wormwood Scrubs (road by) ... ... „ 10 (*g*)	6,000 – –	6,000 – –
Brook-green (addition to) ... ... „ 10 (*n*)	2,000 – –	2,000 – –
Hyde-park-corner Improvements ... ... „ 8	20,000 – –	20,000 – –
Peckham-rye, Goose-green, Nunhead-green, &c. ... „ 9	470 – –	470 – –
Tooting-beck (acquisition and exchange of land) ... „ 9	500 – –	500 – –
Bridges under Act of 1877 ... ... „ 10 (*e*)	27,707 19 11	5,000 – –
„ „ 1881 ... ... „ 10 (*k*)	209,070 11 –	120,000 – –
Thames River (Prevention of Floods) ... ... „ 10 (*i*)	83,281 7 9	(nil)
Artizans' Dwellings ... ... „ 10 (*l*)	3,896 15 11	3,896 15 11
Streets under Act of 1872 ... ... „ 10 (*b*)	880 16 10	(nil)
„ „ 1877 ... ... „ 10 (*h*)	529,889 4 10	400,000 – –
Tooley-street (widening) ... ... „ 9	82,000 – –	56,000 – –
New-street (Metropolitan and District Railways) ... „ 10 (*m*)	500,000 – –	(nil)
Thames Embankments, Queen Victoria-street, Northumberland-avenue, and Sun-street ... ... sec. 10 (*d*)	1,935 15 3	(nil)
Minor Improvements ... ... „ 10 (*a*)	65,129 6 11	(nil)
Loans to Vestries and District Boards ... ... „ 13	49,100 – –	(nil)
Loans to Guardians ... ... „ 14	99,500 – –	(nil)
Loans to Managers of Metropolitan Asylums District „ 15	56,600 – –	56,600 – –
Loans to School Board ... ... „ 16	500,000 – –	400,000 – –
[illegible] „ Loans 38 & 39		(no limit by 45

Treasury Chambers,
3rd July, 1883.

Sir, —In reply to your Letter of yesterday's date, requesting the sanction of my Lords to the further issue by your Board of £1,250,000 Three per Cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to inform you that, in accordance with the powers conferred upon them by the 4th Section of the Metropolitan Board of Works Act, 1869 (32 and 33 Vic., cap 102), and by the Acts extending and amending the same, they are pleased to approve the amount of the Loan proposed by your Board, and the terms and conditions upon which it is to be issued, as set forth in the draft Prospectus accompanying your Letter.

I am to add that I have been directed by Their Lordships to attend at the Bank of England at One o'clock to-day.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) R. E. WELBY.

The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Bank of England,
3rd July, 1883.

It has been agreed this day that the minimum price of the new issue of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock shall be £95 10s. (Ninety-five pounds ten shillings per hundred pounds Stock).

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
Chairman of the Board.

(„) R. E. WELBY,
Treasury.

(„) JOHN TOLHURST,
Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board.

(„) DONALD MUNRO,
Late Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board.

The Prospectus referred to in the Report was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and resolved—That the Report be received, and that the several proceedings, as set forth therein, be approved and confirmed.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £7,812 10s. be now drawn in favour of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in respect of the composition for Stamp-duty on the Stock; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Finance Committee, to consider and report as to the appropriation to be made of the amount raised by the recent issue of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the recommendation of the Committee with respect to the communication to be made to the Bank of England as to the payment of the proceeds of the recent issue of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock to the Board's Account at the London and Westminster Bank be approved and acted upon.

12. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Works and General Purposes Committee.

Spring-gardens, 9th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

Wapping and other Improvements.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Dr. Williams's Charity (Old-street)—(1469)—		
Field, Roscoe and Co.—		
4813 Costs of investment in land, &c.		144 16 -
Metropolis Bridges, 1881.		
Re Shillito (Putney)—(1471)—		
Shillito, W.—		
407 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in further part of ornamental garden-ground belonging to No. 4, The Terrace	25 - -	
Lewis, F.—		
408 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Re Thrupp (Putney)—(1472)—		
Thrupp, H.—		
409 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in further part of ornamental garden-ground belonging to No. 8, The Terrace	25 - -	
Lee, Brothers and Pain—		
410 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Re Shore (Putney)—(1473)—		
Shore, Honourable C. M.—		
411 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in further part of ornamental garden-ground in Windsor-street	25 - -	
Lee, Brothers and Pain—		
412 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Re Hughes (Putney)—(1474)—		
Hughes, Mrs. C.—		
413 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in further part of ornamental garden-ground belonging to No. 6, The Terrace	25 - -	
Lewis, F.—		
414 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Re Hammond (Putney)—(1475)—		
Hammond, W. S.—		
415 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in further part of ornamental garden-ground belonging to No. 10, The Terrace	25 - -	
Lee, Brothers and Pain—		
416 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Re Blair (Putney)—(1476)—		
Blair, Mrs. H. F.—		
417 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in further part of ornamental garden-ground belonging to No. 1, The Terrace	25 - -	
Lewis, F.—		
418 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Carried forward	£162 12 -	144 16 -

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	162 12 -	144 16 -
Re Robinson (Putney)—(1477)—		
Robinson, F.—		
419 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in further part of ornamental garden-ground in Windsor-street...	25 - -	
Lee, Brothers and Pain—		
420 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Re Dallett's Trustees (Putney)—(1478)—		
Hare and Co.—		
421 Taxed Costs of inquiry before Arbitrator ...	116 15 6	
Re Dacie (Putney)—(1479 and 1480)—		
Dacie, J.—		
422 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in part of ornamental garden-ground belonging to No. 2, The Terrace...	37 10 -	
Broad, Pritchard and Wiltshire—		
423 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	3 3 -	
Dacie, J.—		
424 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in further part of ornamental garden-ground belonging to No. 2, The Terrace	25 - -	
Broad, Pritchard and Wiltshire—		
425 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Re Elvin (Putney)—(1481)—		
Elvin, J. and J. W.—		
426 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 114 and 116, High-street, Fulham	300 - -	
Baines, C., and Co.—		
427 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	9 9 -	
Re Dacie (Putney)—(1482)—		
Robinson and Hilder—		
428 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c., for premises in High-street...	13 10 -	
		697 3 6
Street Improvements, 1877.		
Re Bellamy and Tylden (Charing-cross &c.)—(1483)—		
Hunters, Gwatkin and Haynes—		
6205 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	2 2 -	
Re Nixon (Gray's-inn-road)—(1484)—		
Venning, Sons and Manning—		
6206 Costs of production of Deeds	3 3 -	
Re Baker and another (Piccadilly)—(1485)—		
Baker, J., and Rogers, J. N.—		
6207 Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 10, Grafton-street...	880 - -	
Robins, E.C.—		
6208 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	17 17 -	
Carried forward	£903 2 -	841 19 6

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	903 2 -	841 19 6
Re Society for improving the condition of the Labouring Classes (Gray's-inn-road)—(1486)—			
Bridges, Sawtell, Heywood and Co.—			
6209	Interest on purchase-money from Lady-day to 15th June, 1883 (less tax)	11 - -	
Re Hedges and another (Piccadilly)—(1487) and (1488)—			
Bank of England—			
6210	Purchase-money for Freehold of Nos. 11 and 12, George-yard, Macclesfield-street, with vaults belonging thereto	3,000 - -	
Glasier and Sons—			
6211	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	29 8 -	
Hedges and Brandreth—			
6212	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	21 2 5	
Re Latham (Piccadilly—(1489)—			
Tatham and Sons—			
6213	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	25 17 -	
Re Jacobus (Piccadilly)—(1490)—			
Jacobus, J.—			
6214	Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 49, Wardour-street	75 - -	
Reid, R.—			
6215	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	5 5 -	
Re Morgan and others (Piccadilly)—(1491)—			
Union Bank of London, Limited—			
6216	Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 8, and the "Three Compasses" Public-house, No. 9, Richmond-street	3,900 - -	
Cundy, T.—			
6217	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	34 13 -	
Gibson, W. and J.—			
6218	Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	10 10 -	
Re Cooke (Piccadilly)—(1492)—			
	Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 44, Wardour-street—		
6219	Williams, J. P. ... ... £164 - 7		
6220	Hayward, Mrs. B. M. M. ... 312 11 -		
6221	Cooke, Mrs. A. L. 1,923 8 5		
		2,400 - -	
Fuller and Fuller—			
6222	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	26 5 -	
Hubbard, J. J., Son and Eve—			
6223	Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	5 5 -	
Phillips, J. and J.—			
6224	Stamp-duty on Conveyance	12 - -	
	Carried forward ...	£10,459 7 5	841 19 6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	
Brought forward ...	10,459	7	5	841	19	6
Re Hayward (Piccadilly)—(1493)—						
Bank of England, for Chancery—						
6225 Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 40, Wardour-street	2,200	–	–			
Fuller and Fuller—						
6226 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	25	4	–			
Hubbard, J. J., Son and Eve—						
6227 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	5	5	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—						
6228 Stamp-duty on Conveyance...	11	–	–			
Re Dickenson (Piccadilly)—(1494)—						
Tatham and Sons—						
6229 Further Costs of Title and Conveyance ...	3	12	6			
Re Browne (Piccadilly)—(1495)—						
Browne, Mrs. E. S.—						
6230 Purchase-money for life interest in Freehold of No. 2, Church-street, Soho	630	–	–			
Farebrother, Ellis and Co.—						
6231 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	15	15	–			
Re Scott (Gray's-inn-road)—(1496)—						
Gatliff and Son—						
6232 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c., and of production of Deeds, &c.	32	–	–			
Re Long (Piccadilly, &c.)—(1497)—						
Long, H.—						
6233 Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 40, Wardour-street	300	–	–			
Moreing, C.—						
6234 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	9	9	–			
Re Cordwell (Gray's-inn-road)—(1498)—						
Cordwell, E., per S. T. Nevitt—						
6235 Agreed amount in settlement in respect of unexpired time in Licenses, &c., of the "Goat" Public-house, Verulam-street	6	16	–			
Re W. H. Smith (Peckham)—(1499)—						
Gregson, R. S.—						
6236 Costs of Title and Conveyance	13	4	8			
Re Harris (Piccadilly)—(1500)—						
Harris, J.—						
6237 Purchase-money and Compensation for Fee-simple of Nos. 2 and 3, Grafton-street, and Stabling in Catherine-wheel-yard ...	8,000	–	–			
Walker, S.—						
6238 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	61	19	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—						
6239 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	40	–	–			
Carried forward ...	£21,813	12	7	841	19	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	21,813	12	7	841	19	6
Re Havill's Trustees (Peckham)—(1501)—						
Wyatt and Barraud—						
6240 Costs of Title and Assignment	10	2	2			
Re Bailey (Piccadilly)—(1502)—						
Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 24, Grafton-street, including Trade Compensation—						
6241 Stanley, Honourable M. ... £100						
6242 Frame, T.... 700						
	800	-	-			
Frame, T.—						
6243 Surveyor's Fee, and preliminary Costs ...	70	-	-			
Re Willoughby (Piccadilly)—(1513)—						
Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 2, Church-street, Soho—						
6244 Willoughby, W. A. ... £625						
6245 Hunter, Miss F. S. ... 600						
	1,225	-	-			
Farebrother, Ellis, and Co.—						
6246 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	21	-	-			
Phillips, J. and J.—(1503 and 1504)—						
Stamp-duty on Conveyances—						
6247 *Re* Holland's Trustees (Piccadilly)	13	5	-			
6248 ,, Johnson's ,, ,, ...	37	-	-			
Ansell, W. W.—(1505)—						
6249 Surveyor's charges—						
Re Calvert (Piccadilly)	2	2	-			
				23,992	1	9
Tooley-street Extension, 1882.						
Re Perkins—(1506)—						
Ovans, Bayley, and Adams—						
11 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10	10	-			
Re Hall—(1521)—						
Pownall and Co.—						
12 Umpire's Fee, and Costs of Award	45	-	-			
				55	10	-
Consolidated Loans Fund.						
Re Faulkner (Putney Bridge)—(1470)—						
Chamberlain, W. H.—						
879 Proportion of Queen's-taxes to 5th April, 1883, and of rent received by the Board to Midsummer, 1882	4	15	6			
Re Bellamy and Tylden (Charing-cross, &c.)—(1514)—						
Hunters, Gwatkin and Haynes—						
880 Three-quarters' rent of Nos. 13 and 14, Litchfield-street, to Midsummer, 1883	11	5	-			
Re Hedges and another (Piccadilly, &c.)—(1520)—						
Hedges and Brandreth—						
881 Rent of Nos. 11 and 12, George-yard, Soho, from Midsummer to 11th July, 1883 (less tax) ...	5	9	6			
Carried forward	£21	10	-	24,889	11	3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	21 10 0	24,889 11 3
Re Sir R. F. Sutton (Piccadilly)—(1515 to 1518)—		
Bank of England—		
882 Half-year's rent (less tax) of the following premises, to Midsummer, 1883—		
No. 6, Cooper's-court ... £29 3 9		
Warehouse in Cooper's-court 14 11 10		
No. 11, Great Windmill-street 36 9 8		
No. 9, Great Windmill-street, and premises in Cooper's-court ... 48 12 11		
	128 18 2	
Re Graves (Piccadilly)—(1519)—		
Graves, T.—		
883 One-quarter's rent of workshops in rear of No. 21, Litchfield-street, to Midsummer, 1883 ...	35 15 –	
		186 3 2
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Barklamb (Goulston-street)—(1507)—		
Young and Sons—		
4860 Costs of investment of purchase-money in land, including Surveyor's Fee and Stamp-duty ...	165 8 8	
Re Littleboy (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1508)—		
Park-Nelson, Morgan and Gemmell—		
4861 Proportion of rent of tenant in respect of land in India-row, from 7th December, 1882, to 28th June, 1883 (less tax)	5 8 3	
Re Cheele (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1509)—		
Kerly, A.—		
4862 Further costs of Arbitration	22 – 4	
Re Flight (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1510)—		
Flight, Mrs. M. C.—		
4863 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 6, Essex-place	52 10 –	
Re Barklamb (Goulston-street)—(1511)—		
Woodward, J. A. J.—		
4864 Surveyor's charges with reference to demolition of buildings, &c.	25 – –	
Vigers, F., and Co.—(1512)—		
4865 Surveyors' charges, and as Witness—		
Re Tench-street, St. George-in-the-East, Scheme ... ... £63 – –		
Re Trafalgar-road, Greenwich, Scheme ... ... 78 15 –		
Re Windmill-row, Lambeth, Scheme ... ... 52 10 –		
Re Brook-street, Limehouse, Scheme ... ... 52 10 –		
	246 15 –	
		517 2 3
		£25,592 16 8

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled, in consequence of having been in hand more than Three months :—

Street Improvements, 1877.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Bellamy and Tylden (Charing-cross, &c.—(2933—1881)—			
6250	Tylden, Rev. J., and Tylden, Mrs. E. C.—Purchase-money	500 – –	
6251	Gardiner, W. J.—Surveyor's Fee	13 13 –	
			513 13 –

Metropolis Bridges, 1881.

Re Hughes (Putney)—(62)—			
429	Hughes, Mrs. C.—Purchase-money	37 10 –	
430	Lewis, F., and Co.—Surveyors' Fee	3 3 –	
Re Shillito (Putney)—(69)—			
431	Shillito, W.—Purchase-money	37 10 –	
432	Lewis, F., and Co.—Surveyors' Fee	3 3 –	
Re Thrupp (Putney)—(70)—			
433	Thrupp, H.—Purchase-money	37 10 –	
434	Lee, Brothers, and Pain—Surveyors' Fee ...	3 3 –	
Re Shore (Putney)—(71)—			
435	Shore, Honourable C. M.—Purchase-money ...	37 10 –	
436	Lee, Brothers and Pain—Surveyors' Fee ...	3 3 –	
Re Hammond (Putney)—(72)—			
437	Hammond, W. S.—Purchase-money	110 – –	
438	Lee, Brothers and Pain—Surveyors' Fee ...	6 6 –	
Re Blair (Putney)—(73)—			
439	Blair, Mrs. H. F.—Purchase-money	37 10 –	
440	Lewis, F., and Co.—Surveyors' Fee	3 3 –	
Re Robinson (Putney)—(74)—			
441	Robinson, F.—Purchase-money	37 10 –	
442	Lee, Brothers and Pain—Surveyors' Fee ...	3 3 –	
			360 4 –
			£873 17 –

Your Committee submit, for the information of the Board, a marked Catalogue and Accounts of sales by Messrs. Horne, Eversfield and Co., of building materials of houses in Gray's-inn-road and Porter-street, Soho, and of the Darby-street Schools, on 7th, 22nd, and 23rd May, last, as follows :—

Produce of sales	£274 13 6
Commission, £7 10s. per cent.	20 11 9
Amount received by Board, 4th June and 1st July, 1883	£254 1 9

Your Committee beg to report that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), instructing each Committee of the whole Board to appoint a Deputy-Chairman to preside at their meetings in the absence of the Chairman, and to bring up their Reports to the Board, they have unanimously re-elected Mr. Selway to be their Deputy-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have proceeded on the Resolution of the Board of the 29th ultimo (No. 49), referring it to them to consider as to the filling the vacancy caused by the

resignation of G. Colman, Hall-porter. Having carefully inquired into the matter, your Committee are of opinion that the present Lift-attendant, W. W. Jury, is well fitted to discharge the duties of Hall-porter, and that he should, therefore, receive the appointment. To fill the vacancy which will thus be caused, your Committee submit the name of Eyre Highfield, who has good testimonials and appears to be fitted for the duties required. Your Committee beg to recommend—

That W. W. Jury be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, as Hall-porter, at the wages of 35s. per week, in consideration of the extra hours during which he will be required to attend at the Office, viz., from 8. a m. to 8 p.m., and that he be allowed one suit of uniform clothing annually.

That Eyre Highfield be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, as Lift-man, at the wages, of 25s. per week, and an allowance of one suit of uniform clothing annually.

Your Committee have to report that they have had under consideration the several references made to them from time to time by the Board with regard to suggested means of communication between the North and South sides of the Thames, East of London Bridge; and also with reference to two extensive street Improvements which have been brought under the notice of the Board, namely, the widening of Parliament-street, and the improvement of the approaches to the Law Courts. With regard to the question of providing efficient means of communication between the two sides of the River below London Bridge, it is unnecessary for your Committee to remind the Board that this has long occupied a prominent position, and is admitted to be one of pressing importance. Various proposals have from time to time been made for dealing with the matter, and numerous Memorials have been received from Local Bodies and others on both sides of the Thames, urging the desirability of steps being taken to provide the means of communication required. As regards the proposed widening of Parliament-street the Board are aware that a communication was, in the latter part of last year, received from the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works, &c., intimating that the Government having decided to erect the new Public Offices on the site between Parliament-street and Spring-gardens, it became his duty to dispose of certain properties in Parliament-street, Great George-street, King-street, and Charles-street, which were acquired in the expectation that the site might be needed for the Public Offices, and that, under those circumstances, he desired to afford the Board the opportunity of purchasing the property, with a view to completing the approaches to Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament, by widening Parliament-street to the same extent as Whitehall. The remaining proposal to which your Committee refer is the providing of a new line of communication between Holborn and the Strand, and the improving of the latter thoroughfare in the neighbourhood of the Law Courts. This is a matter which has been before the Board for a considerable period, and as to the urgency of which representations have been made. Your Committee have very fully discussed the subject of these proposals, and as to the desirability of steps being taken by the Board towards giving effect to them The conclusion at which your Committee have arrived is that, in the interests of the public, it is desirable that the Board should endeavour to carry out each of these undertakings. With reference to the question of cost it is manifest that, whatever may be the particular Plans ultimately decided upon, a very considerable expenditure will be involved, and your Committee have accordingly considered the financial aspect of the question. The Board have already made representations to the Government as to the expediency of continuing the Coal and Wine Duties, which are now leviable only until the year 1889, and if the Board are to undertake the extensive and costly works of utility and Improvement above referred to, it will be more than ever necessary that the time within which the Duties may be levied should be prolonged. The recommendation which your Committee beg to submit is as follows—

That the Board do proceed to obtain power, in the next Session of Parliament, to construct communications across the Thames, East of London Bridge; to widen Parliament-street, and to improve the approaches to the Law Courts; and that, for the purpose of

carrying out the same, Parliament, through Her Majesty's Government, be asked to sanction the extension of the Coal and Wine Duties.

Your Committee have proceeded on the Resolution of the Board of the 8th December last (No. 40), referring it to them to consider and report upon the desirability of obtaining Parliamentary power to deal with any claims for compensation that may be made in consequence of the Board's action in connection with the Open Spaces at Hackney. This matter was considered by your Committee in January last; but as no action could be taken until the Session of 1884, it seemed desirable to adjourn it until the present month, when it is the custom of your Committee to devote special consideration to the various works requiring Parliamentary powers to enable them to be carried out. Your Committee have now to report that, having given the subject careful attention, and having consulted your Solicitor, they are of opinion that the Board should proceed to Parliament to obtain the rights of Lammas owners, and all other rights and interests in the lands comprised in the scheme with respect to Commons at Hackney, in order that the Board may obtain the Fee-simple of the same, and your Committee beg to recommend in accordance with that view.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 18th December last (No. 29), from His Grace the Duke of Bedford, stating that a block of buildings between Covent-garden Market and the Strand would fall out of Lease in the course of this year, and inquiring, before proceeding with re-letting, whether the Board wished to acquire the Market as part of any general scheme for Market extension. After a careful consideration of the matter, your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that it is not desirable for the Board to take any steps with a view to the acquisition of the Market, and they recommend—

That a Letter be addressed to His Grace informing him to that effect.

Your Committee have proceeded on the Resolution of the Board of the 19th January last (No. 20), referring it to them to consider and report upon the desirability of the Board obtaining further powers from Parliament to regulate Public Buildings and Hotels in the interest of the public. At the present time the powers of the Board in this respect are limited to Theatres and Music-halls, but it is obvious that similar dangers from fire or panic may arise in other buildings, and it appears to your Committee very desirable that the jurisdiction of the Board should be extended. With this view your Committee beg to recommend—

That the Board do apply to Parliament in the next Session for power, in the interests of the public, to regulate the proper means of ingress and egress in respect of all Public Buildings and Hotels to be hereafter constructed.

On the 15th ultimo (No. 5), the Board confirmed an opinion expressed by your Committee that statutory power should be obtained to enable the Board to determine as to the future maintenance of the new roads at Hyde-park-corner, and for that purpose to say by what Parish or Parishes the roads should be hereafter maintained. Your Committee now recommend—

That the Board do apply to Parliament in the ensuing Session for such an amendment of the Metropolis Management Acts as may enable the Board to determine the question which has been raised as to the repair, maintenance and lighting of the new streets at Hyde park-corner, and to charge the cost thereof upon the Parish in which the improvements are situated, or on the adjoining Parish or Parishes, or some or one of such Parishes.

Your Committee further recommend—

That the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields be informed of the course taken, in reply to their Letter of 17th February last on the subject.

Your Committee have proceeded upon the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd ultimo (No. 20), referring it to them to consider and report as to the desirability of including in any general Bill which the Board may introduce into Parliament during the next Session, power for the Board to secure and add to Hampstead-heath the two fir plantations, now the property of Sir T. Spencer Wells, and which are surrounded by

the Board's land. The matter was referred to your Committee in consequence of an expression of opinion by the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, that the two plantations should be purchased and maintained as part of the Heath. Your Committee concur in this opinion, and they recommend—

That the Board do include in any general Bill which they may introduce into Parliament during the next Session, power to add to Hampstead-heath the two Fir plantations referred to.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Bermondsey, referred to them on the 17th November last (No. 7), forwarding a copy of a Memorial from owners and occupiers of property in Mill-street, Bermondsey, and copy of a Report of a Committee of the Vestry on the subject of an Improvement in Mill-street and Bermondsey-wall, and asking the Board to make the proposed Improvement. Your Committee have taken an opportunity of viewing the locality, and they recommend—

That the Vestry be informed that the Board are unable to regard the work as a Metropolitan one, but that they consider it would be a valuable Local Improvement.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 16th February last (No. 31), from the Hackney District Board, stating that they were constructing a Bridge across the River Lee, at Temple-mills, at a cost of £2,762, towards which, and the cost of proposed Improvements to two Foot-bridges over the Hackney-cut, this Board had agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding £1,500, and asking the Board to allow the conditions to be varied, so far as they related to the improvement of the Foot-bridges, and also stating that, owing to the importance of the work now being carried out, it might fairly be included under the head of Metropolitan Improvements. So far as concerns the variation asked for in the conditions relating to the improvement of the two Foot-bridges, your Committee see no objection to a compliance with the request of the District Board, but they are unable to regard the construction of the Bridge across the River Lee, at Temple-mills, as a Metropolitan Improvement. Your Committee recommend—

That the District Board be informed to the foregoing effect in reply to their Letter.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred on the 15th ultimo (No. 49), from the Vestry of St. Pancras, again calling attention to the desirability of the Board making, in connection with the Kentish-town Improvement, a new street from Kentish-town-road to Great College-street, in continuation of Clarence-road. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and it appears to them that the suggested Improvement is one of a valuable character, which should be carried out by the Board. The property required, however, is beyond the limits to which the Board's present powers extend, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That the Board do include, in some Bill to be promoted by them in the next Session of Parliament, powers to effect the desired Improvement.

In accordance with the terms of the Board's Resolution of the 25th May last (No. 13), your Committee have received Tenders for the supply of Coal and Coke at the Pumping Stations, Fire Brigade Stations, Gas-meter Testing-houses, and at the Offices of the Board, during the year commencing 1st August next, and they recommend—

That the Tender of Messrs. D. Radford and Co., for the supply of Welsh Coal, and that of Messrs. Cory and Sons for the supply of Wallsend, Tanfield Moor and all other kinds of Coal and Coke required by the Board be accepted for a period of One year.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 15th ultimo, (No. 50) from the Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, transmitting a Return of all cases in which children had been drowned from the Victoria Embankment during the Four weeks ended the 12th ultimo, stating that Three children had been drowned from Whitehall Stairs within a fortnight, and suggesting that, if possible, railings should be

erected at the spot for the prevention of further accidents. Your Committee have conferred with your Engineer on the subject, and they recommend—

That, with a view to the prevention of further accidents at Whitehall Stairs, a railing be fixed across the landing in a line with the Embankment, with a gate, to be closed by a spring fastening; and that the Commissioner of Police be informed of the course proposed to be taken, and that he be asked to instruct the Police to shut the gate whenever it is found open, and to prevent children from entering within the rails.

The High Court of Justice having recently decided that the Gas Light and Coke Company had no right to load and unload their materials across the Albert Embankment, it is unnecessary for your Committee to proceed further with respect to the Letter from the London Gas Light and Coke Company, requesting the Board to approve of the draft License, forwarded on the 6th March, 1879, for carrying into effect the arrangements entered into between the Board and the Company, with regard to certain rights acquired in the formation of the Embankment, referred to your Committee on the 16th May, 1879 (No. 8). Your Committee, therefore, recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 20th April last (No. 3), from the Woolwich Local Board of Health, stating that the Hare-street Improvement had been completed, and that the cost of the same was £9,080 9s. 1d., instead of £6,840, as originally estimated; and asking the Board, therefore, to increase their promised contribution to £4,540. Your Committee have received a Report from your Superintending Architect, from which it appears that the original Estimate did not include the sum payable as fees to the Surveyors and Solicitors of Claimants, and that, in consequence of the exorbitant trade and other claims sent in, many cases had to be contested, and heavy expenses were thus incurred. In dealing with the claims, many questions may have arisen tending to increase the amount estimated before the claims were received; and, under these circumstances, your Committee recommend—

That the Board do contribute to the Improvement a sum of £1,120 in addition to the sum of £3,420, mentioned in the Board's Resolution of 7th November, 1879, making a tota contribution of £4,540 towards the cost of the Improvement.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred on the 25th May last (No. 41), from the Vestry of Hampstead, transmitting a Plan of an Improvement they proposed to effect near the Swiss-cottage, Finchley-road, and Belsize-park, by the formation of a new road through the grounds of the School for the Blind, at an estimated cost of £2,000, and requesting the Board to contribute one-half of the net cost of acquiring the necessary land. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and find that the proposed road will connect Adamson-road and Winchester-road with Avenue-road and Finchley-road, and will give direct access to the Swiss-cottage Railway Station. The Improvement will, of course, enhance the value of the contiguous land, but it will be of great advantage to the general public. About 16,000 superficial feet of land will be added to the road, and your Superintending Architect is of opinion that the cost, although full, is not excessive. Your Committee concur in your Superintending Architect's opinion, and recommend—

That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £1,000, and that it be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 16th February last (No. 2), from the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, asking the Board to contribute towards the cost (estimated at £2,000) of an Improvement by the setting back of Nos. 5, 6, and 7, Upper Thames-street. The Board, at various times during the last 20 years, have contributed towards the cost of widening this thoroughfare, and the present application refers to another section of the general Improvement. The road in front of No. 7, Upper Thames-street

was only 25 feet wide, and this is now increased to 35 feet, about 423 superficial feet of land being added to the public way. Your Superintending Architect is of opinion that the Improvement is a desirable one, and that the cost is fair and reasonable, and your Committee, having viewed the locality, recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £1,000, and that it be paid to the Commissioners of Sewers on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
DONALD MUNRO,
WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W. H. DALTON.

The marked Catalogue and Accounts of sales of building materials of houses in Gray's-inn-road, and Porter-street, Soho, and of the Darby-street Schools, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Walter William Jury be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, as Hall-porter, at the wages of 35s. per week, in consideration of the extra hours during which he will be required to attend at the Office, viz., from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and that he be allowed one suit of uniform clothing annually.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Eyre Highfield be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, as Lift-man, at the wages of 25s. per week, and an allowance of one suit of uniform clothing annually.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the consideration of the remainder of the Report be deferred until the application of Messrs. Eley Brothers (Limited) for assent to the establishment of a Factory for Explosives at No. 254, Gray's-inn-road shall have been considered.

13. This being the day appointed by the Resolution of the Board of 8th ultimo (No. 7) for the consideration of the application of Messrs. Eley Brothers (Limited), for assent to the establishment of a Factory for Explosive (Ammunition) at No. 254, Gray's-inn-road, subject to the terms of the draft License approved by the Home Secretary,

Mr. Ingoldby, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 5th June, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have had under consideration an application from Messrs. Eley Brothers (Limited), Ammunition Manufacturers, for the assent of the Board to the establishment of a Factory for explosive at their premises, No. 254, Gray's-inn-road. It appears that Messrs. Eley chiefly manufacture percussion caps and cartridges, and that they carry on, and have carried on for many years, the more dangerous part of their business at their works at Edmonton, at which place the detonating substance is placed in the caps, and the bulk of the cartridges are filled with Gunpowder. At the Gray's-inn-road works the principal operations are in connection with the manufacture of cartridge cases, and the only processes, other than the process of cartridge case making,

which have been carried on there have been certain finishing processes in connection with percussion caps, in attaching the caps when finished to cartridge cases, and in filling a small quantity of safety cartridges with gunpowder. The firm have not considered that these finishing processes constituted the manufacture of an explosive, within the meaning of the Explosives Act, 1875, and they did not apply for a Factory License; but they registered with the Board for the keeping of mixed explosives, and used the right given by the 46th Section of the Act to fill cartridges in the same way that an ordinary gunmaker does. Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives has, however, recently advised the firm that some of the processes could only be properly carried on under a Factory License granted by the Secretary of State; and the firm have consequently applied for a License, the draft of which is now under consideration. This draft has been prepared by the Chief Inspector of Explosives and approved by the Home Secretary, and the firm now apply for the assent of the Board, as required by the 7th Section of the Explosives Act. The Draft License does not authorise the firm to carry on any additional process, but omits one process hitherto carried on at the Gray's-inn-road works, viz., the filling of rim fire cartridges, and this will consequently be discontinued. The License will also materially reduce the quantity of explosive to be kept. The Act allows a maximum of 200lbs. of Gunpowder to be kept on registered premises, whereas the License only provides for 5 lbs. of Gunpowder being kept at Messrs. Eley's Factory. This small quantity of Gunpowder is practically all the dangerous explosive that will be allowed under the License, as percussion caps and safety cartridges are not considered dangerous, and the quantity of the latter which will be in the Factory is the same as is permitted at registered premises. As the effect of bringing the works under a Factory License will be to reduce the amount of explosive which may be kept, and to make other improvements in the premises, and in the conduct of the business, your Committee recommend that the assent applied for be granted.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FRED$^{K.}$ INGOLDBY,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
WILLIAM H. FELL.

The Report having been read and received,

The Clerk reported that the Notice required by the Explosives Act had been given, and that he had received notice of objection on behalf of Lord Calthorpe to the application.

Proclamation was made.

Mr. G. Edwards appeared on behalf of Lord Calthorpe, and was heard in opposition to the application.

No other persons appeared to oppose the application.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the assent of the Board be, and the same is hereby given, to the establishment by Messrs. Eley Brothers, of a Factory for Explosive (Ammunition) at No. 254, Gray's-inn-road, St. Pancras, subject to the terms of the Draft License approved by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

14. The Board resumed the consideration of the Report of the Works and General Purposes Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. Munro—That the Board do proceed to obtain power, in the next Session of Parliament, to construct communications across the Thames, East of London Bridge; to widen Parliament-street; and to improve the approaches to the Law Courts; and that, for the purpose of carrying out the same, Parliament, through Her Majesty's Government, be asked to sanction the extension of the Coal and Wine Duties.

After discussion the motion was put to the vote, when there were for it 33,

against it 3, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

At a subsequent part of the day's proceedings it was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred back to the Committee to take such steps as may be necessary with a view to giving effect to the foregoing Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do proceed to Parliament to acquire the rights of Lammas Owners and all other rights and interests in the lands comprised in the Scheme with respect to the Commons at Hackney, in order that the Board may obtain the Fee-simple of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That a Letter be addressed to His Grace the Duke of Bedford, informing him, in reply to his Letter asking whether it is the wish of the Board to acquire Covent-garden-market as part of any general scheme for Market extension, that the Board, after carefully considering the matter, have arrived at the conclusion that it is not desirable for them to take any steps with a view to the acquisition of the Market.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. J. Jones —That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

After discussion, the amendment was, by leave of the Board, withdrawn.

The motion was then put to the vote, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do apply to Parliament, in the next Session, for power to regulate the means of ingress and egress in respect of all Public Buildings and Hotels to be hereafter constructed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do apply to Parliament, in the ensuing Session, for such an amendment of the Metropolis Management Acts as may enable the Board to determine the question which has been raised as to the repair, maintenance and lighting of the new streets at Hyde-park-corner, and to charge the cost thereof upon the Parish in which the Improvements are situated, or on the adjoining Parish or Parishes, or some or one of such Parishes.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields be informed of the foregoing Resolution, in reply to their Letter of 17th February last on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the Board do include in any general Bill which they may introduce into Parliament during the next Session, power for the Board to secure and add to Hampstead-heath the two Fir plantations, now the property of Sir T. Spencer Wells, which are surrounded by the Board's land.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. J. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Thompson—That the words, "with the consent of Sir T. Spencer Wells," be inserted in the motion.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it, 2; against it, 30; and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, when there were for it, 30; against it, 1; and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of Bermondsey be informed, in reply to their Letter on the subject of an Improvement in Mill-street and Bermondsey-wall, that the Board are unable to regard the work as one of a Metropolitan character, but that they consider that it would be a valuable Local Improvement.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the

Hackney District Board, relative to the two Foot-bridges across the Hackney-cut, be complied with; and that the District Board be informed that this Board are unable to regard the work now being carried out by the District Board, in the construction of the new Bridge across the River Lee, as a Metropolitan Improvement.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do include in some Bill to be promoted by them in the next Session of Parliament power to form (in connection with the Kentish-town Improvement) a new street from Kentish-town-road to Great College-street, in continuation of Clarence-road.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Tender of Messrs. D. Radford and Co., for the supply of Welsh Coal, and that of Messrs. Cory and Sons for the supply of Wallsend, Tanfield Moor and all other kinds of Coal and Coke required by the Board be accepted for a period of One year, from 1st August next, and that the Solicitor do prepare the necessary Contracts.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, with a view to the prevention of further accidents at Whitehall Stairs, a railing be fixed across the landing, in a line with the Victoria Embankment, with a gate to be closed by a spring fastening; and that the Commissioner of Police be informed of the course proposed to be taken, and that he be asked to instruct the Police to close the gate whenever they may find it open, and also to prevent children from entering within the rails.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the reference made by the Board to the Committee of the 16th May, 1879 (No. 8), of a Letter from the London Gas Light and Coke Company, asking the Board to approve of a Draft License to fix fender piles on the wall of the Albert Embankment, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the Board do contribute to the Improvement effected by the Woolwich Local Board of Health, in Hare-street, Woolwich, a sum of £1,120, in addition to the sum of £3,420 mentioned in this Board's Resolution of 7th November, 1879, making a total contribution of £4,540 towards the cost of the Improvement.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Harben, and seconded by Mr. Richardson—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (estimated at £2,000) of an Improvement proposed to be effected by the Vestry of Hampstead, near the Swiss Cottage, Finchley-road, and Belsize-park, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £1,000, and that it be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (estimated at £2,000) of an Improvement effected by the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, by the setting back of Nos. 5, 6 and 7, Upper Thames-street, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £1,000, and that it be paid to the Commissioners of Sewers on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

15. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 10th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, acting upon the Standing Order of the Board of

the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), they have unanimously re-elected Mr. Phillips to be the Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have further to report that Second-class Fireman George A. Blandford, and Fourth-class Firemen Robert W. Francis, Bodham B. Starling, George J. Pulham, and Joseph C. Foden have withdrawn from the service, and that their names have accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Your Committee have to recommend—

That the following promotions be made, viz., Third-class Fireman George Russell to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Fireman Charles C. Smith to the Third Class.

They have also to recommend—

That Henry J. Smithers, William A. E. Edwards, William H. Merrell, Henry Finnis, William J. May, Richard Mount, Edwin C. Stow, Edward F. A. Wulff, and Charles W. Scott, be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen to fill vacancies.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
ROB^{T} JONES,
W. R. SELWAY,
GEO. EDWARDS.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the following promotions be made, viz.:—Third-class Fireman George Russell to the Second Class, and Fourth-class Fireman Charles C. Smith to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Henry J. Smithers, William A. E. Edwards, William H. Merrell, Henry Finnis, William J. May, Richard Mount, Edwin C. Stow, Edward F. A. Wulff, and Charles W. Scott be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

16. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 10th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, in accordance with the Order of the Board of the 28th October, 1878 (No. 3), directing each Committee, not being a Committee of the whole Board, to appoint a Chairman to preside at their Meetings, and to bring up their Reports to the Board, they have unanimously re-elected Mr. Shepherd to that office for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter from Messrs. Hudson, Son and Booth, stating that the works at the Lyceum Theatre, required by the Board to be executed, have been completed, referred by the Board on the 27th April last (No. 50). The works to which the communication relates are those specified in the Board's Notice of the 29th March last, for preventing the spread of any fire, which might originate in the carpenters' shop over the auditorium, to the rest of the building. It appears, from a Report which has been presented to your Committee, that the necessary alterations for effecting that object have been carried out to the satisfaction of your Superintending Architect. It will be remembered that the Board's requirements relative to the workshop were supplemental to those contained in their previous Notice of the 13th May, 1882, dealing generally with the structural defects of the Theatre. The original requisitions of the Board, eleven in number, were confirmed, with certain modifications, by the Arbitrator in his Award of the 28th July, 1882. Your Committee reported to the Board, on the 23rd February last (No. 8), that the requisite alterations had been made substantially in accordance with the Drawings

attached to the Award; but in view of the necessity which had arisen for the service of a further Notice upon the Owner, the completion of these alterations was not officially notified to the Lord Chamberlain. The Lyceum, however, was one of the nineteen Theatres with respect to which the Board, on the 8th ultimo (No. 30), informed His Lordship that, in their opinion, the Provisional Licenses might be renewed for six months; and your Committee now see no reason for withholding the ordinary License in the case of this Theatre. They therefore recommend—

That the Lord Chamberlain be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the License of the Lyceum Theatre may now be renewed for the full period of 12 months.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. J. O. Cook, on behalf of Mr. S. Barnes, for a Certificate, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of the Theatre Royal, in Beresford-street, Woolwich, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 91). The Theatre has been closed for some years, but alterations are now proposed, with a view to its being re-opened to the public. The building is 64 feet long and about 30 feet wide. The audience portion of the house consists of a ground floor accommodating 201 persons, with a gallery extending over more than one-half of the area of such floor, and holding 199 persons. This arrangement appears to your Committee unsatisfactory, especially as some of the columns supporting the gallery obstruct the passage of the public. The treads of the gallery stairs are only 9 inches wide, and the lobby at the foot of the staircase is of insufficient size. The dressing-rooms are placed under the stage. There are no cisterns or hydrants provided in the building, as required by the Board's Regulations. Having regard to the numerous particulars in which the planning of the Theatre is open to objection, your Committee recommend—

That the application for a Certificate be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had before them the Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, enclosing a Drawing showing how he proposed, with respect to the Canterbury Music-hall, to meet the eighth requirement of the Board relating to the staircase and landing from the Hall to the balcony of that building, referred by the Board on the 25th May last (No. 66). The requirement alluded to provides for the support and enclosure of those portions of the Hall with brickwork, and the proposal of Mr. Matcham, who is the Architect to the Owners, was to raise and strengthen the existing balustrade instead. Your Committee, however, suggested to him the desirability of properly caging in both the staircase and landing, and were awaiting the receipt of an amended Drawing showing that arrangement. In the meantime a Letter was received from Mr. A. Lemon, giving notice of Appeal, on behalf of the Owner, against the Board's requirements, as comprised in their Notice, dated 12th June, 1883. This communication was referred to your Committee on the 29th ultimo (No. 50), and the Board at the same time directed that application should be made to the First Commissioner of Works, &c., to appoint an Arbitrator to determine the matter in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Under these circumstances it appears unnecessary to further discuss with Mr. Matcham the details of the eighth requirement of the Board, as the general question of the structural condition of the building will be dealt with in the course of the official inquiry. In order that the views of the Board may be properly placed before the Arbitrator, your Committee are of opinion that the usual authority should be given to your Solicitor for the conduct of the case. They therefore recommend—

That the reference of the Letter from Mr. F. Matcham be discharged, and that the Solicitor be instructed and authorised to retain Counsel and witnesses for supporting the requirements of the Board before the Arbitrator.

The Board, on the 15th December last (No. 33), referred to your Committee a Letter from the Rev. John B. M. Camm, relative to the inadequate means of exit from the Concert-room of the Royal Academy of Music in Tenterden-street, Hanover-square,

in case of fire. In pursuance of this reference, your Committee have carefully considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the premises of the Academy, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The premises are held on a Lease, of which there are about 30 years unexpired, from Messrs. Laurie and Marner, by whose carriage factory they are bounded on the North side. The Concert-room is on the level of the first floor and will accommodate about 800 persons, including the performers. The principal staircase, which is 5 feet wide, is constructed of stone, but the steps are pinned into the wall at one end only, and it has an open well hole. Most of the other staircases are of wood, and they are narrow, and have winders. Your Committee have received two Reports from your Superintending Architect upon the condition of the building, and, having regard to the inadequate nature of the staircase accommodation, and to the proximity of the carriage factory, they are of opinion that the following alterations of a structural character are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the Academy premises be separated from the premises in the occupation of Messrs. Laurie and Marner, vertically by brick party-walls, and horizontally by party structures of fire-resisting materials, and that all openings between the two premises be stopped up with brickwork in cement, of the full thickness of the walls in which such openings are situate.

2.—That the servants' staircase and closet, adjoining the principal staircase, together with the enclosures to the same, be removed, and that a new gallery staircase be constructed, with a separate entrance from Tenterden-street, divided from the entrance to the area by a brick wall; that the steps and landings of such staircase be constructed of solid-tooled York or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

3.—That a brick wall, 9 inches thick, be built under the outer edge of the principal staircase and landing, and that a balustrade of brick or stone, 9 inches thick and 3 feet 6 inches high, be built upon the outer edge of the steps of such staircase, and be continued round the well-hole of such landing.

4. That the female students' staircase on the East side of the premises be re-built, that the steps be formed of solid tooled York, or other approved stone, without winders, pinned into the walls, and that a separate passage-way, enclosed upon all sides with fire-resisting materials, be provided to such staircase from the principal staircase-hall through Room H.

5.—That the emergency staircase on the West side of the Hall, together with the male students' staircase, be re-built, and be of similar construction to the staircase described in No. 2; that a landing of fire-resisting materials be formed on the level of the mezzanine floor, to connect the two staircases, and that the door-way at the head of the emergency staircase be increased in width to 4 feet 6 inches.

6.—That a stone staircase, supported and enclosed on all sides by brick walls, 9 inches thick, be provided from the back of the orchestra, leading directly into Tenterden-street.

7.—That the brick piers at the Southern end of the Concert-room be removed, and that a gangway, at least 3 feet wide, be provided around every part of the area and gallery.

8.—That the enclosures to the entrance lobby on the ground floor, and also those to the lobby between the principal staircase and the body of the Hall on the East side, be removed, and that the doors to the Hall be re-hung, so as to fold back flat against the wall.

9.—That all door-ways for the use of the public be made at least 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that all doors in such door-ways be hung in two-folds, and be made to open outwards.

10.—That stout hand-rails, firmly plugged to the walls, be fixed on both sides of all staircases, landings, and flights of steps used by the public.

And they therefore recommend—

That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor, that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owners, with an intimation that they may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owners upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

Your Committee beg to submit herewith two Reports which they have received from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates' Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the work ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

No. 3, Miles-place, St. Luke.

No. 20, Stibbington-street, St. Pancras.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. A. J. Bolton, on behalf of Mr. Blunt, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building on the West side of Junction-road, Islington, adjoining the "Boston Arms" Public-house, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 68). Three previous applications in respect of the premises were refused by the Board. The applicant now submits a Plan, showing the building set back a distance of about 2 feet 3 inches from the frontage line of the "Boston Arms" Public-house, and the corner next No. 176, Junction-road, rounded off to a radius of 20 feet, Your Committee, being of opinion that the proposed building is still too far in advance of the adjoining houses, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. J. H. Branscombe, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on the North side of Graham-road, at the corner of Mare-street, Hackney, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 62). An application for a building on this site was refused by the Board on the 1st ultimo. The amended Plan now submitted shows a frontage of 53 feet to Graham-road, and the intention of the applicant is to re-place an existing hoarding by ornamental show cases. The Hackney District Board offer no objection to the application, and certain owners and occupiers of the adjoining houses have signed a Memorial representing that the show cases would be a great improvement, as compared with the present hoarding, which they allege to be a public nuisance. On the other hand, certain owners and occupiers of neighbouring property are opposed to the application, and question the legal right of Mr. Branscombe to reduce the width of the public road. Your Committee have had the subject under consideration on several occasions, and have received from representatives of the parties interested statements of their views. Your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that the application may be granted, on certain special conditions, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be not extended in front of the forecourt at the Western end of the existing hoarding, and that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, and upon the further condition that the applicant do satisfy the Solicitor as to his legal ownership.

The Board, on the 29th ultimo (No. 63), referred to your Committee the application of Mr. W. Smith, on behalf of Mr. F. O. C. Wood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on a portion of the forecourt of No. 232, Seven Sisters'-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposal is opposed by the adjoining owner, on the ground of a partial obstruction o his rights of light. Your Committee are of opinion that the Plan in its present orm is objectionable, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. A. S. Cook, on behalf of the Committee of the Glengall Coffee Palace Company, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Coffee Tavern on the West side of Glengall-road, Poplar, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 66). The main line of the Tavern is to be set back 12 feet from the public way, the space in front being occupied by a one-storey building which is brought out to the inside of the pavement. Your Committee having heard the parties interested in the matter, recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. E. Monson, on behalf of the Trustees of the late Mr. W. Weaver, and Mr. Nickinson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 266, 268, 270 and 272, Uxbridge-road, Hammersmith, and of a house and a one-storey shop adjoining No. 278, Uxbridge-road, at the corner of Arminger-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 68). There appears to be some uncertainty as to when two of the houses will be converted into shops, and your Committee think that the application should not be sanctioned at the present time. They recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. G. Morris, on behalf of Mr. G. Reed, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey bay-windows and open porticoes on portions of the forecourts of No. 84, East India Dock-road, Poplar, and two adjoining houses, proposed to be erected, and of one-storey bay-windows to three houses on the East side of Oriental-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 6th instant (No. 73). The proposed additions are similar to the bay-windows and porticoes of some adjacent houses. The applicant also intends to erect three houses at the rear of No. 84, East India Dock-road, with bay-windows projecting 2 feet. The Poplar District Board approve of the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered, enclosed, or raised, without the consent of this Board; and also on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from the Lewisham District Board, calling attention to the necessity for making Bye-laws regulating the levels at which the floors of houses or buildings, not having basements, shall be laid, or requiring ventilation under such floors, referred by the Board on the 5th January last (No. 33). It appears to be the desire of the District Board to raise only the general question, but, for the sake of example, instances are cited of houses which have been built without damp courses, and in unsuitable positions, without proper ventilation under the ground floors. The District Board appear to be right in their

supposition that the Board's Bye-laws are defective in this matter, and your Committee are advised by your Solicitor that it is not practicable to take any action at the present time as regards the houses mentioned in the Letter. Your Committee have directed that a record of the case be made for future reference, and they recommend—

That the District Board be informed that this Board concur with them in thinking the present law on the subject defective, and have ordered that a memorandum of the case be made with a view to future legislation.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. B. Tabberer, District Surveyor, relative to the enclosure, with wood, of the post and rails adjoining No. 1, Woodland's-terrace, Woodland's-road, at the corner of Langton-mews, Greenwich, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 59). In this case a fence has been covered in, the erection projecting about four feet beyond the line of frontage in Woodland's-terrace. Your Solicitor advises your Committee that he should be authorised to take proceedings under the Act 45 Vic., cap. 14, sec. 13, for obtaining the removal of the erection, and your Committee, concurring in that view, recommend—

That the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice upon the builder, and, if necessary, apply for a Summons.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Memorial from Owners and Occupiers of houses in Morden-grove, Greenwich, relative to the proposed erection of houses on the East side of Morden-grove, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road, and requesting the Board not to consent to the same, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 77). It appears that several buildings have been erected in Morden-grove, which reduce the width of the road-way greatly below 40 feet. Your Committee, after conferring with your Solicitor, think that legal proceedings should be taken by the Board, and they recommend—

That the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice upon the builder, and, if necessary, apply for a Summons.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Lambeth, relative to the erection of Cottages in Trigon-grove, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road-way, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 78). Trigon-grove, which is 20 feet in width at the point where the Cottages complained of are being erected, is a foot-way blocked by posts at one end. Your Committee reported to the Board on the subject on the 26th January last, and they are now advised by your Solicitor that, as no new circumstances have arisen in the case since it was last before the Committee, it is impracticable for the Board to take any proceedings in the matter. They recommend—

That the substance of the Solicitor's Report on the subject be communicated to the Vestry of Lambeth, and that the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. T. R. Meakin, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a new road to lead out of the East side of Castledine-road, Lewisham, also for a continuation of St. Hugh's-road, and the formation of a road to lead out of the South side of Anerley-park, Anerley, referred by the Board on the 26th January last (No. 67). Some delay has occurred in dealing with the application, because there appeared to be an uncertainty as to the ownership of the land required for the formation of the proposed roads. The applicant has now satisfied your Solicitor on this point, and your Committee think that the proposal may receive the sanction of the Board. They recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Novar-road, S.E.," "St. Hugh's-road, S.E.," in continuation, and "Trenholme-road, S.E.," be approved for the same.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection by Mr. Gwynne, of a fence in

Lombard-road, Battersea, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road-way, and requesting this Board to take steps for causing the fence to be set back, referred by the Board on the 16th February last (No. 65). Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Solicitor, from which it appears that Mr. Gwynne has merely repaired an old fence, and that under these circumstances any legal proceedings against him would be useless. Your Committee, concurring in this opinion, recommend—

That no further action be taken by the Board in the matter, and that the Wandsworth District Board be so informed.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letters from the Vestry of St Marylebone and Mr. F. W. Hunt, relative to compliance with the conditions attached to the consent of the Board to the erection of buildings on the site of Nos. 66 to 80, Marylebone-road, referred by the Board on the 13th April last (No. 65). The question as to these buildings, which were sanctioned by the Board on the 13th January, 1882, has been on several occasions under consideration by your Committee, who reported fully to the Board thereon on the 15th June last. Your Solicitor now advises your Committee that the owners appear to have endeavoured to comply with the conditions imposed upon them by the Board, and he suggests that no proceedings should be taken against them. Your Committee agree in that view and they recommend—

That no further action be taken by the Board in the matter, and that the Vestry and Mr. Hunt be informed accordingly.

The Board, on Friday last (No. 89), referred to your Committee the application of Messrs. Hills and Fletcher, on behalf of Mr. G. Chambers, for approval of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the East side of Peel-grove, Bethnal-green. The proposed road is intended to be formed across a portion of the Burial-ground near Peel-grove ; the houses will be built over the Burial-ground, but the human remains are not to be disturbed. Your Committee are of opinion that the appropriation for building purposes of a Burial-ground, where human remains have been interred in large numbers, should be opposed by every possible means, and they, therefore, recommend—

That the application be not granted, and that the applicants be informed that the Board will take proceedings against them in the event of their commencing the formation of the proposed road.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of buildings on the North side of Star-lane, Fulham, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 103). Your Solicitor is of opinion that he should be instructed to serve a Penal Notice, and, if it be not complied with, to summon the builder. Your Committee agree with this opinion, and recommend accordingly.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. T. C. Clarke, on behalf of the Hammersmith Working Men's Club, for approval by the Board of a further amended Plan for the erection of a Hall and Club-rooms on the West side of The Grove, Hammersmith, abutting, at the rear, on the East side of Bradmore-lane, in the position and to the line shown upon such Plan, referred by the Board on the 11th May last (No. 86), and the Letter from the Fulham District Board, stating that a building was in course of erection for the Hammersmith Working Men's Club, without the sanction of this Board, referred by the Board on the 20th April last (No. 57). Your Superintending Architect has presented to your Committee a Letter from Mr. Clarke, agreeing, on behalf of the Committee of the Club, to give up to the public way without compensation certain land in front of their premises. This offer removes the objections which previously existed, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed buildings from the public way, be

given up and added to such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, signed by the Chairman of the Committee, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

In accordance with the reference by the Board of the 4th May last (No. 70), your Committee have considered the application of Mr. L. Sharp, on behalf of the Trustees of the late Mr. J. Bird and Mr. J. Sharp, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of new roads to lead out of Augustine-road, Hammersmith. It is proposed to form a road 40 feet wide to lead out of the West side of Augustine-road, and another road, also 40 feet wide, between Sterndale-road and a thoroughfare now being formed to lead out of Shepherd's-bush-road nearly parallel with Sterndale-road. A wall which extended across one of the proposed roads has been removed, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Haarlem-road, W.," and "Riesbach-road, W.," be approved for the same.

Your Committee have also considered the Memorial from owners and occupiers of property in the vicinity of Porchester-gardens, Bayswater, stating that Messrs. Kinninmont and Sons proposed to erect buildings, for use as Steam Sawing and Planing Mills, at the rear of premises in Queen's-road, Porchester-gardens, and Queen's-mews, which would be a nuisance and annoyance to the neighbourhood, and praying the Board to prevent the erection of the buildings, referred by the Board on the 11th May last (No. 56). Your Committee instructed your Superintending Architect to survey the premises, and they have received a Report from him to the effect that there has been no infringement of the provisions of any Act administered by the Board. The District Surveyor also certifies that the buildings are in accordance with the Building Act, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That the Memorialists be informed that the Board have no power to comply with their request.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. C. Bell, on behalf of the London and South-Western Bank (Limited), for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1 and 2, Shirley-villas, Balham-road, Wandsworth, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 15th ultimo (No. 71). The proposed building will project 12 feet in advance of the frontage line of the houses, and the Wandsworth District Board strongly object to the proposal. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from the Vestry of St. Luke, Middlesex, calling attention to the erection of Nos. 222, 222A, and 224, City-road without the consent of the Board, and to the paving of the piece of ground in front of such houses, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 15). Your Superintending Architect surveyed the houses, by direction of your Committee, and he has prepared a Report on the subject, from which it appears that it is impracticable for the Board to take any action in the matter. The question of the paving is one for the Vestry rather than for this Board, and your Committee recommend—

That the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report be communicated to the Vestry, for their information.

Your Committee have considered the application of Messrs. W. Emden and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Butler, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a shop, on the East side of the Holloway-road, at the corner of Alexander-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 64). On the 8th ultimo, the Board sanctioned the erection of three houses and shops, adjoining the Upper Holloway Baptist Chapel. The applicant now proposes to continue that line of buildings by the erection of another

house and shop. The Vestry of Islington object to the present application, and your Committee recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. Wood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on the forecourt of No. 43, Prince of Wales's-road, St. Pancras, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 70). The proposed building will project 5 feet 2 inches in advance of the frontage of Nos. 2 and 4, Hadley-street. The Vestry of St. Pancras, and the adjoining occupiers object to the proposal. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. T. H. Saunders, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a wooden porch to No. 25, Byrne-road, Balham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 74). The proposed porch, which is to be constructed of wood, the roof being covered externally with tiles, will project 3 feet 9 inches beyond the general line of buildings in Byrne-road. Your Committee consider the proposal objectionable, and recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. R. B. Grantham and Son, on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a road in continuation of Stamford-brook-road, Hammersmith, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 76). The proposed road, which is now to be widened to 50 feet, passes through the property of the applicants; but the entrance at each end of the road is less than 40 feet in width. Your Committee, under these circumstances, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Hills and Fletcher, on behalf of Mr. E. Wood, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the East side of Old Ford-road, Bow, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 79). The proposed road will terminate at the Eastern end as a *cul-de-sac*, the road being stopped by a raised mound belonging to the East London Waterworks Company. Your Committee consider the proposal objectionable, and recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. W. F. Farthing, on behalf of Messrs. R. and H. Pickersgill, for approval by the Board of the area of the open space at the rear of three houses in a new road on the site of Artichoke-row, Church-street, Camberwell, as shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 84). The amended Plan shows that the Act is complied with in reference to two of the houses, which have the full area of 300 feet, but that the third house has only an area of 240 feet, instead of 450 feet, as required by the Act. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

The Board on the 27th April last (No. 72), referred to your Committee the application of the Rev. A. T. Cox, for permission to retain, for a further period, the temporary iron Church erected at the corner of Amhurst-road and Rectory-road, Hackney. The District Surveyor having reported that the building has been removed, your Committee recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. T. Mundy, on behalf of Mr. E. Huxley, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of No. 13, Old

Cavendish-street, St. Marylebone, with projecting brick pilasters, a bay window on the first and second floors, stone sills to the windows, and a stone hood, with brackets, over the entrance door, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 75). The house referred to is being re-built, and the projections to which sanction is requested are slight, and do not overhang the public way. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. Whichcord, on behalf of the Committee of St. Stephen's Club, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden porch on a portion of the forecourt of St. Stephen's Club-house, on the Victoria Embankment, Westminster, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 82). It is proposed to construct the temporary porch of wood, the upper panels being glazed with plate glass. The porch is to be secured by bolts and temporary fastenings. Your Committee consider the proposal objectionable, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of the Committee of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Mission, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building at Down Lodge, on the South side of High-street, Wandsworth, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 87). The proposed building, will accommodate 5,000 persons, and it is proposed to remove it to another site at the expiration of a month or six weeks. It is to be covered externally with corrugated iron, and will have twelve door-ways. Your Committee are of opinion that the proposal should not be sanctioned in its present form, the structure being, in some respects, objectionable; and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of the Committee of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Mission, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building at the rear of The Priory in Upper-street, Islington, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 85). The Plan for the building is similar to that referred to in the preceding paragraph, and the structure will accommodate 5,000 persons. Your Committee think the Plan open to objection, the approaches to the building being only 13 feet and 12 feet in width respectively; and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. S. J. Jerrard, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of an extension of Ellerdale-street, Lewisham, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 91). The proposed road is to be 40 feet in width, and about 600 feet long; it will lead into a narrow foot-path on the boundary of a brickfield, and your Committee concur with your Superintending Architect in disapproving of the Plan. They recommend—

That the application be not granted.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
DONALD MUNRO,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W. R. SELWAY,
A. EWIN.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That, inasmuch as the

structural alterations required by the Board to be made at the Lyceum Theatre by their Notice on the 13th May, 1882 (as modified by the Award of the Arbitrator), and by their supplemental Notice of the 29th March, 1883, have been completed, the Lord Chamberlain be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the License of the Theatre may now be renewed for the full period of Twelve months.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. O. Cook, on behalf of Mr. S. Barnes, for a Certificate, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of the Theatre Royal, in Beresford-street, Woolwich, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That, inasmuch as the Owner of the Canterbury Music-hall has appealed against the requirements of the Board, the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, with respect to the eighth of such requirements, be discharged; and that the Solicitor be instructed and authorised to retain Counsel and witnesses for supporting the requirements of the Board before the Arbitrator.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the premises of the Royal Academy of Music, in Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved; and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the Academy premises be separated from the premises in the occupation of Messrs. Laurie and Marner, vertically by brick party-walls, and horizontally by party structures of fire-resisting materials, and that all openings between the two premises be stopped up with brickwork in cement, of the full thickness of the walls in which such openings are situate.

2.—That the servants' staircase and closet, adjoining the principal staircase, together with the enclosures to the same, be removed, and that a new gallery staircase be constructed, with a separate entrance from Tenterden-street, divided from the entrance to the area by a brick-wall; that the steps and landings of such staircase be constructed of solid tooled York or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

3.—That a brick wall, 9 inches thick, be built under the outer edge of the principal staircase and landing, and that a balustrade of brick or stone, 9 inches thick and 3 feet 6 inches high, be built upon the outer edge of the steps of such staircase, and be continued round the well-hole of such landing.

4.—That the female students' staircase on the East side of the premises be re-built; that the steps be formed of solid tooled York or other approved stone without winders, pinned into the walls, and that a separate passage-way, enclosed upon all sides with fire-resisting materials, be provided to such staircase from the principal staircase-hall through Room H.

5.—That the emergency staircase on the West side of the Hall, together with the male students' staircase, be re-built, and be of similar construction to the staircase described in No. 2; that a landing of fire-resisting materials be formed on the level of the mezzanine floor, to connect the two staircases, and that the door-way at the head of the emergency staircase be increased in width to 4 feet 6 inches.

6.—That a stone staircase, supported and enclosed on all sides by brick

walls, 9 inches thick, be provided from the back of the orchestra, leading directly into Tenterden-street.

7.—That the brick piers at the Southern end of the Concert-room, be removed, and that a gangway at least 3 feet wide, be provided around every part of the area and gallery.

8.—That the enclosures to the entrance lobby on the ground floor, and also those to the lobby between the principal staircase and the body of the Hall, on the East side, be removed, and that the doors to the Hall be re-hung, so as to fold back flat against the wall.

9.—That all door-ways for the use of the public be made at least 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that all doors in such door-ways be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

10.—That stout handrails, firmly plugged to the walls, be fixed on both sides of all staircases, landings, and flights of steps used by the public.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owners of the premises, with an intimation that they may submit to the Board any observations thereon; that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly, or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owners upon the Board's requisitions; and that the Committee do report further to the Board on the subject.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner and occupier of the structure No. 3, Miles-place, St. Luke, had failed to comply with the Orders made by John Hosack, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Clerkenwell Police-court, on the 2nd day of January last, and on the 17th day of April last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd —That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the front wall of No. 3, Miles-place, St. Luke, where the same is bulged and out of the perpendicular, or otherwise defective.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure No. 20, Stibbington-street, St. Pancras, had failed to comply with the Order made by John Hosack, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Clerkenwell Police-court, on the 5th day of June last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd —That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down such parts of the brickwork of the front and flank walls of No. 20, Stibbington-street, St. Pancras, as are bulged and out of the perpendicular.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. J. Bolton, on behalf of Mr. Blunt, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building on the West side of Junction-road, Islington, adjoining the "Boston Arms" Public-house, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. H. Branscombe, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on the North side of Graham-road, at the corner of Mare-street, Hackney, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be not extended in front of the forecourt at the Western end of the existing hoarding, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board, and also on condition that the applicant do satisfy the Solicitor as to his legal ownership of the premises in question.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. Smith, on behalf of Mr. F. O. C. Wood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on a portion of the forecourt of No. 232, Seven Sisters'-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. S. Cook, on behalf of the Committee of the Glengall Coffee Palace Company, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Coffee Tavern, on the West side of Glengall-road, Poplar, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. E. Monson, on behalf of the Trustees of the late Mr. W. Weaver and Mr. Nickinson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 266, 268, 270 and 272, Uxbridge-road, Hammersmith, and of a house and a one-storey shop adjoining No. 278, Uxbridge-road, at the corner of Arminger-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. G. Morris, on behalf of Mr. G. Reed, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey bay-windows and open porticoes on portions of the forecourts of No. 84, East India Dock-road, Poplar, and the two adjoining houses, and of one-storey bay-windows to three houses on the East side of Oriental-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered, further enclosed, or raised, without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Lewisham District Board, relative to the necessity for making Bye-laws regulating the levels at which the floors of houses or buildings, not having basements, shall be laid, or requiring ventilation under such floors, be approved, and that the District Board be informed that this Board concur with them in considering the present law on the subject to be defective, and that they have directed that a memorandum of the case be made with a view to legislation at some future time.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Mr. B. Tabberer, District Surveyor, relative to the enclosure with wood of the post and rails adjoining No. 1, Woodland's-terrace, Woodland's-road, at the corner of Langton-mews, Greenwich, be approved, and that the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice upon the builder, and, if necessary, apply for a Summons.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Memorial from Owners and Occupiers of houses in Morden-grove,

Greenwich, relative to the proposed erection of houses on the East side of Morden-grove, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road be approved, and that the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice upon the builder, and, if necessary, apply for a Summons.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the substance of the Solicitor's Report relative to the erection of Cottages in Trigon-grove, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road-way, be communicated to the Vestry of Lambeth, in reply to their Letter, and that the reference to the Committee on the subject be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. T. R. Meakin, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a new road to lead out of the East side of Castledine-road, Lewisham, and for a continuation of St. Hugh's-road, and the formation of a road to lead out of the South side of Anerley-park, Anerley, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Novar-road, S.E.," "St. Hugh's-road, S.E.," in continuation, and "Trenholme-road, S.E." be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That no further action be taken by the Board with reference to the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, as to the erection of a fence in Lombard-road, Battersea, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road-way, and that the District Board be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That no further action be taken by the Board with reference to the Letters from the Vestry of St. Marylebone and Mr. F. W. Hunt, relative to compliance with the conditions attached to the consent of the Board to the erection of buildings on the site of Nos. 66 to 80, Marylebone-road, and that the Vestry and Mr. Hunt be so informed.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. Debenham—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Hills and Fletcher, on behalf of Mr. G. Chambers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the East side of Peel-grove, Bethnal-green, be not granted, and that the applicants be informed that the Board will take proceedings against them in the event of their commencing the formation of the road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, as to the erection of buildings on the North side of Star-lane, Fulham, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of such road be approved; and that the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice upon the builder, and, if necessary, apply for a Summons.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the application of Mr. T. C. Clarke, on behalf of the Hammersmith Working Men's Club, for approval by the Board of a further amended Plan for the erection of a Hall and Club-rooms on the West side of The Grove, Hammersmith, abutting, at the rear, on the East side of Bradmore-lane, in the position and to the line shown upon such Plan, and to the Letter from the Fulham District Board on the same subject, be approved, and that the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed buildings from the public way be given up and added to such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application,

and as shown on the Plan signed by the Chairman of the Committee, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. L. Sharp, on behalf of the Trustees of the late Mr. J. Bird and Mr. J. Sharp, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of new roads to lead out of Augustine-road, Hammersmith, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Haarlem-road, W.," and "Riesbach-road, W.," be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Owners and Occupiers of property in the vicinity of Porchester-gardens, Bayswater, who have memorialised the Board with respect to the proposal of Messrs. Kinninmont and Sons to erect buildings, for use as Steam Sawing and Planing Mills, at the rear of premises in Queen's-road, Porchester-gardens, and Queen's-mews, be informed that the Board have no power to prevent the erection of the buildings.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. Bell, on behalf of the Directors of the London and South-Western Bank (Limited), for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1 and 2, Shirley-villas, Balham-road, Wandsworth, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of St. Luke, Middlesex, relative to the erection of the houses Nos. 222, 222A, and 224, City-road, without the consent of the Board, and to the paving of the piece of ground in front of such houses, be approved, and that the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report on the subject be communicated to the Vestry for their information.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. W. Emden and Co., on behalf of Mrs. Butler, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a shop, on the East side of the Holloway-road, at the corner of Alexander-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. Wood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on the forecourt of No. 43, Prince of Wales's-road, St. Pancras, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. T. H. Saunders, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a wooden porch to No. 25, Byrne-road, Balham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. R. B. Grantham and Son, on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a road in continuation of Stamford-brook-road, Hammersmith, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Hills and Fletcher, on behalf of Mr. E. Wood, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the East side of Old Ford-road, Bow, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. F. Farthing, on behalf of Messrs. R. and H. Pickersgill, for approval by the Board of the open space at the rear of three houses in a new road on the site of Artichoke-row, Church-street, Camberwell, as shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the

Committee of the application of the Rev. A. T. Cox, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, the temporary iron Church erected at the corner of Amhurst-road and Rectory-road, Hackney, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. T. Mundy, on behalf of Mr. E. Huxley, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of No. 13, Old Cavendish-street, St. Marylebone, with projecting brick pilasters, bay-windows to the first and second floors, stone sills to the windows, and a stone hood, with brackets, over the entrance door, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. Whichcord, on behalf of the Committee of St. Stephen's Club, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wooden porch on a portion of the forecourt of St. Stephen's Club-house, on the Victoria Embankment, Westminster, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of the Committee of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Mission, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building at Down Lodge, on the South side of High-street, Wandsworth, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of the Committee of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Mission, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building at the rear of The Priory, in Upper-street, Islington, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. S. J. Jerrard, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of an extension of Ellerdale-street, Lewisham, be not granted.

17. Mr. Tolhurst, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 10th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, acting under the Standing Order of the Board of the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), directing each Committee, not being a Committee of the whole Board, to elect a Chairman, they have unanimously elected Mr. Tolhurst to that office for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have also to report that they have unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Mr. E. Dresser Rogers for his able and efficient services as their Chairman during the past two years.

Your Committee have considered the Bills for confirming the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade; and, in connection therewith, the Memorial presented to the Board by the Vestry of Chelsea last Friday, objecting to the course which the Board had taken in petitioning against the Bill for confirming the Chelsea Order, and asking the Board to withdraw the Petition so far as it related to Chelsea. Your Committee have gone fully into the question with your Solicitor, and, in view of the fact that the House of Commons has referred all the Electric Lighting Bills to a Select Committee of seven members, and has given leave to all Petitioners to appear before the Select Committee, it seems desirable that the Board should appear in support of its Petitions, and should endeavour to see that the interests of the inhabitants of the Metropolis at large are duly protected, especially in regard to future contingencies. They have given instructions to your Solicitor accordingly, and have authorised him to employ Counsel if requisite. It is hardly necessary to add that, in any measures which have

been or may be taken by the Board, there is no desire to interfere with the action of the Local Authorities, or in any way to injuriously affect their rights and interests.

Your Committee have to report, for the Board's information, that the Select Committee of the House of Commons which had before it the two Bills of the Board and the Commissioners of Sewers for the removal of the ventilating shafts recently constructed by the Metropolitan District Railway Company, decided last Friday that one of the ventilators in Queen Victoria-street, and those in Parliament-square, and Tothill-street should be abolished, and the one in the Victoria Embankment-gardens, near John Stuart Mill's Statue, reduced in size. It is stated to be the intention of the Company to petition the House of Lords to reject the Bills, and this will enable the Board to ask that the ventilating shafts in the Embankment-gardens and elsewhere shall be done away with. Your Committee have instructed your Solicitor to take the necessary steps to carry the Board's Bill through the House of Lords, and, if necessary, to get its provisions extended.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN TOLHURST,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
DONALD MUNRO,
ROB$^{T.}$ JONES,
W. R. SELWAY,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W. H. DALTON.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst and seconded—That so much of the Report of the Committee as states that they have instructed the Solicitor to take the necessary steps in support of the Board's Petitions with reference to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bills, be received.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Harben—That so much of the Report of the Committee as states that they have instructed the Solicitor to take the necessary steps in support of the Board's Petitions with reference to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bills, be received, but that Counsel be not employed in those cases in which the Local Authorities are in accord with the Electric Lighting Companies.

The amendment having been seconded by Mr. Dresser Rogers, it was put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and, having been put as an original motion, there were, for it, 14; against it, 1; and it was carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the steps taken by the Committee for passing through the House of Lords the Board's Bill for the removal of the Metropolitan District Railway Ventilators, be approved.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 13th July, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following District Boards—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
WANDSWORTH.				
Sewell-road, Battersea	580	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied fo
FULHAM.				
New roads on an Estate adjoining Hammersmith Cemetery.	500	3′ 0″ × 2′ 0″	½ brick.	The 3′ 0″ × 2′ 0″ ½ brick Sewer to be extended to G, *i.e.*, to be 950 feet in length instead of 500 feet, and 310 feet of the pipe Sewer from E to G to be 15-inch pipe (instead of 12 inch), as shown from F*f* to G. The remainder as applied for.
	1,050	15-inch.	pipe.	
	2,420	12 „	„	
...	...	..	..	
...	...			

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said District Boards be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 13th July, 1883, on applications from the following Vestries, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
		CHELSEA.			
1883. 4th July.	Shawfield-street (old portion)	Repairing carriage-way.	5 days.	5 days.	[These are unimportant streets as regards the general carriage traffic through them.]
	St. Leonard's-terrace, in 3 sections.	do.	9 „	9 „	
	Franklin-row, in 2 sections	do.	10 „	10 „	
	Cale-street, between Robert and Arthur Streets.	do.	4 „	4 „	
		PADDINGTON.			
9th July.	Uxbridge-road, between Albion-street and the existing wood pavement West of Edgware-road.	Paving.	4 weeks.	4 weeks.	Seymour-street, Connaught-square, &c.
		ST. MARYLEBONE.			
„	Lower Seymour-street	Paving.	4 weeks.	4 weeks.	Duke, &c., Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestries, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 13th July, 1883, stating that the following quantities of Coal were required for use at the Deptford Pumping-station—

	Estimate.
300 tons of Welsh Coal	£231 5 0
300 tons of Tanfield Moor Coal	183 15 0
Total	£415 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 13th July, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contracts—

	Estimate.
Repairs to five Boilers at the Crossness Pumping Station ...	£40 0 0
Examining, cleaning, and, where necessary, repairing the machinery of 60 Penstocks in the Main Sewers, South of the Thames	110 0 0
Constructing two descending shafts to the Main Sewer in White-street, Bethnal-green	50 0 0
Total	£200 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 13th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. T. C. Hersey, Chief Inspector to the Gas Light and Coke Company, submitting a Plan showing a proposed alteration to a side-entrance to the Main Sewer in Long Acre, for the purpose of carrying the Company's new 48-inch Gas Main over it; stating that the gallery and descending shaft to the Sewer could be lowered without detriment to the Board's works, and recommending that the Company should be permitted to execute the requisite work, for the purpose referred to, in such manner, and with such materials as the proper Officers of the Board might direct, and at the sole cost of the Company.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received, and that the proposed alteration to the side-entrance be approved on the conditions recommended in the Report.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 12th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. H. Hancock, proposing to submit to the Board his Plan for ventilating the Metropolitan District Railway; recommending that Mr. Hancock be informed that his proposal should be made to the Railway Company, as it is not the duty of the Board to ventilate the Railway tunnels.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mr. Hancock be informed accordingly.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 12th July, 1883, stating that the remaining six old Boilers at the Crossness Pumping Station, which had been in use for upwards of 18 years, should be re-placed by new ones at a probable cost, with fittings, pipes, &c., of about £3,400; and that he had accordingly prepared the requisite Specification and Drawings; submitting the same for the Board's approval, and recommending that Advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for the making and delivery of the Boilers; the Tenders to be opened by the Board on the 10th August next.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received; that the Specification and Drawings, now submitted, be approved, and that Advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for the making and delivery of the six new Boilers, and that the Tenders be opened on 10th August next.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 12th July, 1883, recommending the employment, during the pleasure of the Board, of two boys, one for day and the other for night duty, at the wages of 14s. per week each, for the purpose of keeping up the Coke fire used in connection with the ventilating chimney shaft recently erected over the Outfall Sewer at the Deptford Pumping Station.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that the Engineer be authorised accordingly.

26. The Solicitor reported that the Preamble of the Street Improvements Bill, 1883, had been passed, and that the Bill would now be read a third time in the House of Lords

27. The Solicitor reported that the amendments made in Committee on the Bridges Bill had been considered, and that the Bill was awaiting third reading in the Lords.

28. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Board's Money Bill, and reported that it had been appointed for Committee of the whole House on the 16th instant.

The Chairman stated that the necessary financial provision for carrying out the Scheme relating to the Greenwich area, under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, having been inadvertently omitted from the Bill, he had communicated with the Treasury on the subject, and that the requisite addition had since been made to Clause 6 of the Bill.

29. Read a Report, as follows—

13th July, 1883.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (DISTRICT RAILWAY) BILL (VENTILATORS).

LONDON COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS (VENTILATION OF RAILWAYS) BILL.

I have to report that on Friday last these Bills were again under consideration by Mr. Stansfeld's Committee, and, in compliance with a suggestion made by the Committee at their previous meeting, Counsel for the Metropolitan District Railway Company submitted a Clause for the prevention of the emission of steam from the Locomotives of the Company. This Clause was considered by the Counsel for the Board and the Corporation, who were of opinion that the Clause in the form in which it was drawn was unworkable.

The following decision was announced by the Committee—

"The Chairman: I am now prepared to announce the conclusions at which the "Committee have arrived, for the guidance of the parties in the modification of "the Bills. The first is this: that we are not disposed to interfere with the views "or wishes of the parties themselves with reference to the continuance of both "Bills. We think that is a matter which ought fairly to be left within their "judgment and discretion.

"Next with regard to the steam Clause suggested by ourselves. What we have to say "is this: that we desire, as a Committee, to recognise the liberal spirit in which "it was conceived and drawn by the Railway Company, without any reference "to criticisms of phraseology or detail, but that, having reference to the objection "of the Metropolitan Board of Works and Commissioners of Sewers to use the "powers which are proposed to be conferred upon them, we do not propose to "insert such a Clause in the Bill.

"I then pass to the Ventilators themselves, and we have endeavoured to consider as "carefully as possible the bearings of the evidence, and also the arguments of "Counsel upon each Ventilator, one by one. That appeared to be our duty under "the somewhat exceptional circumstances of this inquiry, and the conclusions at "which we have arrived are the following:—We have decided to close No. 2, "Tothill-street; No. 3, Parliament-square; and No. 10, Queen Victoria-street. "To alter No. 8 in the small garden on the Embankment from 62 feet to 40 feet, "and to leave untouched Ventilators No. 1 at Victoria, No. 4 on the Embankment, "Nos. 5, 6 and 7, in the Gardens, and No. 9 in the beginning or early portion of "Queen Victoria-street."

Mr. Bidder, on behalf of the Metropolitan District Railway Company, thereupon stated that he did not propose to take any further part in the proceedings.

The Clauses of the two Bills were then considered and amended, and the Bills were reported to the House the same evening.

Both Bills were appointed for consideration of amendments on Wednesday last, when the Commissioners of Sewers Bill was considered, but the Board's Bill was adjourned until yesterday, when, after some discussion, the Bill passed consideration, and is waiting for third reading.

I append an extract of the discussion.

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

30. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan District Railway Bill had been introduced and read a first time in the House of Lords on the 6th instant, and that as the time for presenting Petitions against the Bill would expire to-day he had, in accordance with the direction of the Board, prepared a Petition, and that the Chairman of the Board had affixed the Seal thereto; he also reported that no day had yet been fixed for the second reading of the Bill.

31. Read a Report, as follows—

13th July, 1883.

TRAMWAYS PROVISIONAL ORDERS (No. 3) BILL (WOOLWICH AND SOUTH-EAST LONDON TRAMWAYS).

This Bill was under consideration in Committee of the House of Lords on Tuesday last when Lord Sudeley moved as an amendment to strike this Order out of the Bill, on the groun that the assent of the Metropolitan Board of Works as the "Local Authority" had not been obtained, as required by the Tramways Act, 1870.

The Duke of Richmond, on behalf of the Promoters, stated that they had an opinion of Counsel that the consent of the Board was not necessary, but the Lord Chancellor in his speech, remarked that he had considered the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, and that he had himself looked into the Act of Parliament, and was quite satisfied that the Board is the "Local Authority," under the Tramways Act, 1870, for the Metropolis outside the City, and his Lordship stated that it would be highly inexpedient for the House to confirm a Provisional Order, which, having been issued without the consent of the Board, was wholly irregular.

The Duke of Richmond said he was satisfied with the explanation of the Lord Chancellor, and would not further oppose the Order as to Woolwich being struck out of the Bill.

I annex print of the proceedings.

(Signed) R. WARD.
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

32. The Solicitor reported with respect to the London and South-Western Railway (Various Powers) Bill, that the Company had conceded the amendments proposed by the Board, and that the Board's Petition had accordingly been withdrawn.

33. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolis Improvement Provisional Orders Bills, for confirming the Orders as to the Tench-street, St. George-in-the-East; the Brook-street, Limehouse; the Windmill-row, New-cut, Lambeth; and the Trafalgar-road, Greenwich, Schemes, under the Artizans' &c., Dwellings Act were still awaiting the Royal assent.

34. The Solicitor reported that the various Bills for confirming the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders, affecting the Metropolis, were awaiting consideration by the special Select Committee, which had not yet been fully constituted, and that the following four Members had been nominated by the House of Commons—

Sir Arthur Bass,
Mr. Sclater-Booth,
Mr. Holms, and
Mr. Whitley,

and that three Members had still to be nominated by the Committee of Selection; and he suggested that the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee should be requested by the Board to give evidence as to the Provisional Orders.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the suggestion of the Solicitor be approved and acted upon.

35. The Solicitor reported that the Commons and Inclosure Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill was still awaiting second reading.

36. The Solicitor reported that questions had been asked in the House of Commons by Dr. Cameron, Mr. Callan, and Sir J. Hay, relative to the Steam-boat Pier at Pimlico, to which the First Commissioner of Works, &c., and the Chairman of the Board had replied.

37. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Ritchie, M.P., had given notice to ask a question of the Chairman of the Board, relative to the intentions of the Board with respect to providing additional means of communication between the North and South sides of the River, below London Bridge, and that Mr. James, M.P., had given notice to ask a question of the Chairman as to the cost of making new streets East of London Bridge, and the amount of the contributions of Districts East of London Bridge for the general purposes of the Metropolis.

38. The Solicitor reported that it might become necessary, before the next Meeting of the Board, to affix the Seal to Petitions on their behalf against Bills in Parliament.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman of the Board be requested and authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Board to any

Petitions which it may become necessary to present to Parliament on behalf of the Board before their next Meeting.

39. The Solicitor reported that, since the last Meeting of the Board, the Chairman had affixed the Seal to Petitions against the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (Nos. 5 and 6) Bills.

40. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Agreement with Mr. E. Harrington, prepared in accordance with the Resolution of the Works, &c., Committee of the 9th instant, for a tenancy of premises in Croft-street, Deptford.

Conveyance, by Mrs. S. Klesz and others, of No. 3, Moor-street, Soho; and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

Agreement, in triplicate, with Mr. H. G. Knaggs and Mr. F. Blackburn, for apportionment of rent in respect of No. 72, Kentish-town-road (Kentish-town Improvement).

Eight Leases to Messrs. R. and H. Pickersgill, of Plot No. 54, and part of Plot No. 55; part of Plots Nos. 55 and 56; part of Plots Nos. 56 and 57; part of Plots Nos. 57 and 58; part of Plots Nos. 58, 59, and 65; part of Plots Nos. 59, 60, and 65; part of Plots Nos. 60 and 61; and part of Plot No. 61, in Church-street, Camberwell (Camberwell and Peckham Improvement).

Conveyance by Mrs. M. Hedges and others, of Nos. 11 and 12, George-yard, Macclesfield-street, Soho, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

41. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £19,000 to the Vestry of Paddington, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same, and also a Cheque for £23 15s. for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage-deed.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of the Parish of Paddington, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to this Board for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry, under the first mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of nineteen thousand pounds, for the purpose of defraying the cost incurred, or to be incurred, by the Vestry in executing certain wood-paving works in Maida-vale and Uxbridge-road, in the said Parish. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of nineteen thousand pounds should be borrowed by the Vestry for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of nineteen thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by annual instalments, of as nearly equal an amount as may be, within a period of Six years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £19,000 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Paddington, and also a Cheque for the sum of £23 15s. for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage-deed; and Cheques were drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund and the General Working Account accordingly.

42. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 6th instant (No. 10), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Dunk-street, Mile-end New-town	Whitechapel.
Finch-street, do.	Do.
King Edward-street, do.	Do.
Booth-street, Spitalfields	Do.
John-street, &c., do.	Do.
Spicer-street, &c.	Bethnal-green and Whitechapel.
Queen-street. &c.	Mile-end.
Allington-street	Lambeth.
Brandon-road, &c.	Do.
Cornwall-road, &c.	Lambeth and Wandsworth.
Westbourne-park-terrace	Paddington.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

43. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. L. Peel, C.B., Privy Council Office, dated 6th July, 1883, transmitting copy of a Letter from the Society of Medical Officers of Health, suggesting certain amendments in the Public Health (Dairies) Bill now before Parliament, and stating that the Lord President of the Council would be glad to be favoured with the Board's views thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto, and that the Solicitor do report to the Committee thereon.

44. The Clerk presented a Letter from Dr. A. W. Williamson, Chief Gas Examiner, appointed by the Board of Trade, dated 6th July, 1883, transmitting a Report of the results of the daily testings of the Gas supplied by the Metropolitan Gas Companies during the months of April, May and June last.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Report be printed and circulated amongst the Members of the Board.

45. The Clerk presented a Notice from the Grand Junction Waterworks Company, dated 7th July, 1883, of their intention to sell two hundred of their new Ordinary Shares of the nominal value of £50 each.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be received.

46. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. Hill, Secretary of the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association, dated 6th July, 1883, asking that the Association might be permitted to place before the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces, Committee, important facts with regard to the Sunday League Band in Finsbury-park.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

47. The Clerk presented a copy of a Report made to the Local Government Board

Messrs. Crookes, Odling and Tidy, on the composition and quality of the Water supplied to London during the year 1882.

48. The Clerk presented a circular Letter from Mr. R. Voss, Clerk to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, dated 6th July, 1883, transmitting copy of a Resolution passed by the Vestry, expressing regret at the decision of the Board in withholding their consent to the promoters of the Sunday Band in Finsbury-park letting chairs for the accommodation of visitors, and selling programmes of the music, and urging the Board to accede to the request.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

49. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. Wilkins, Clerk to the Vestry of St. James, Westminster, dated 9th July, 1883, asking the Board to make an Order for placing the portion of Wardour-street, South of Little Pulteney-street, under the exclusive management of the Vestry, for paving and cleansing purposes; and the remainder of the carriage-way under the exclusive management of the Strand District Board, for similar purposes.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

50. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. S. Gowland, Office of Works, &c., dated 11th July, 1883, stating, in reply to the Board's Letter, that the First Commissioner had appointed Sir H. A. Hunt, C.B., to be the Arbitrator, to hear and determine the Appeal in the case of the Canterbury Music-hall.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee.

51. The Clerk presented a Letter from Sir H. A. Hunt, C.B., dated 9th July, 1883, forwarding a copy of the second supplement to his final Award (*re* Orgill, Bissell, James and Rule), under the Artizans,' &c., Dwellings Act, 1875, with respect to the Whitecross-street Improvement Scheme.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Award be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

52. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Rev. A. A. W. Drew, Vicar of St. Antholin's, Peckham-rye, dated 11th July, 1883, suggesting certain alterations of the Board's Bye-law with respect to the holding of public Meetings on Peckham-rye.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to the Committee on the subject to which it relates.

53. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. E. Gibb, Clerk to the Vestry of St. Pancras, dated 13th July, 1883, expressing their concurrence in the views of the Bethnal-green Vestry with reference to the Board permitting the National Sunday League to sell programmes and let chairs in Finsbury-park on Sundays, and the hope of the Vestry that the Board would grant the concession asked for by the League.

It was moved by Mr. Wetenhall, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

54. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. E. Knightley, District Surveyor, dated 12th July, 1883, asking for protection and legal assistance with respect to a Summons which he had taken out against a Mr. Brown, the builder of certain houses in Brackenbury-road, Hammersmith, which had been improperly constructed, and one of which had been removed as a Dangerous Structure.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto; and that the Superintending Architect and the Solicitor do report to the Committee thereon.

55. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 10th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·4	17·0	17·2	11·7	7·2	8·6	0·2	0·0	0·1	None.
	Camden ..	17·7	16·8	17·1	10·6	9·3	10·2	0·4	0·1	0·3	„
	Dalston ..	17·1	16·6	16·9	12·4	10·4	11·6	0·4	0·0	0·1	„
	Bow	17·6	17·0	17·3	12·8	8·7	10·5	2·0	1·2	1·5	„
	Chelsea ..	17·0	16·4	16·6	14·9	13·4	14·1	0·2	0·0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	18·0	17·3	17·5	11·6	9·2	10·8	1·0	0·2	0 5	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·7	21·0	21·5	11·5	7.9	10·0	2·0	0·6	1·2	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham ..	17·1	16·5	16·9	12·7	9.4	10·4	0·8	0·2	0·4	„
	Tooley-street ..	17·2	16·3	16·7	12·2	10 6	11·3	0·6	0·0	0·3	„
	Clapham ..	17·3	17·0	17·1	13·6	8·6	10·0	0·2	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham ..	18·4	17·3	17·9	9·1	7·5	8.2	0·4	0·2	0·3	„
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford ..	17·8	16·7	17·3	12·3	9·6	10·5	0·3	0·1	0·2	„
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·7	16·7	17·1	14·5	6.8	9·0	0·8	0·2	0·5	„

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, on July 6th, as tested in Dockhead, at 7 p.m., was 1·0 inch.

56. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Oxley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of five houses, with shops, on a portion of the forecourt of a house on the North side of Hammersmith-road, Hammersmith, at the corner of Blythe-lane, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

57. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Prescott, for the consent of the Board to the erection of six houses, with shops, on a portion of the forecourt of Elmsdale House, on the West side of Newington-green-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

58. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Parrett, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops and covered ways, on portions of the forecourts of Ravensbourne-villas High-road, Catford, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

59. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Carline, Surveyor to the Lewisham District Board, on behalf of the Commissioners of Baths and Wash-houses, for the consent of this Board to the erection of Baths on the West side of Dartmouth-road, Forest-hill, North of Holy Trinity National Schools, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

60. Mile-end Old-town.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th June, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Boulnois and Warner, on behalf of Mr. F. N. Charrington, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building, with one-storey shops, between Nos. 29 and 33, Mile-end-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, if necessary, when the subject shall be considered.

61. Newington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. A. Legg, on behalf of Mr. A. Barnett, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Nos. 5 and 6, Richmond-street, Walworth, to the advanced line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured dark Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

62. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Graves, on behalf of Mr. J. H. Graves, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a portico, with a balcony over it, upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 44, Talbot-road, at the corner of Shrewsbury-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

63. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Stiles, on behalf of Mr. T. Clarke, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of wooden porches and bay-windows to two pairs of villas on the South side of Micheldever-road, Lee.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

64. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated July 11th, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. D. Hook, on behalf of Mr. J. Percival, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an open verandah on the first floor level of No. 7A, Eaton-square, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

65. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to a pair of semi-detached villas on the West side of Thirlmere-terrace, Woodland's Estate, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

66. Westminster.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th June,

1883, on the application of Mr. O. Pichat, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a temporary wooden facade in front of the entrance to the Westminster Panorama, in York-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

67. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. A. Gruning, on behalf of Messrs. Badart Frères, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft at Lower Ordnance Wharf, Rotherhithe-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

68. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Arnold and Co., on behalf of the Rev. Dr. Coffin, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, the temporary iron Church erected in Trott-street, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for One year from this date, on condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

69. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. G. Legg, District Surveyor, relative to the intended formation of a foot-way, 20 feet wide, to lead out of the West side of Mare-street, between Gransden-avenue, and London-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

70. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th May, 1883, on a Notice from Messrs. Chandler and Sons, of their intention to erect buildings on the East side of Vauxhall-street, and on the North side of Kennington-oval, at the corner of Vauxhall-street, in the position and to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying such Notice.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Notice and Plan be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

71. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. L. Wade, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a School-building on the South side of Mansion-house-street, Lower Kennington-lane, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

72. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. N. Dunn, on behalf of Messrs. Thomas and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of new roads to lead out of Merton-road, and for the widening of portions of Merton-road in connection therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

73. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Messrs. Peak, Frean and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed at their works in Drummond-road, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

74. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Fowler, Jun., on behalf of Mr. J. Chard, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an addition to Brixton-hall, in Acre-lane, Brixton.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

75. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. H. Baker, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of a Hall at the rear of the Church Institute, in Wiseton-road, Upper Tooting.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

76. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Peacock, on behalf of the Rev. Capel Cure, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wall to the Parish Institute and Model Dwellings, in Little Grosvenor-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

77. Greenwich.—Read a communication from Mr. John Whichcord, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of St. Nicholas, Deptford, and the portion of St. Paul in Kent, dated 5th June, 1883, notifying that No. 13A, High-street, Deptford, was about to be erected under the professional superintendence of one of the gentlemen in his Office, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, as follows—Whereas Mr. John Whichcord, District Surveyor for the District of St. Nicholas, Deptford, and the portion of St. Paul in Kent, did, on the 5th day of June, 1883, give notice to this Board that a gentleman in the Office of the said John Whichcord was engaged to act professionally in respect of the erection of No. 13A, High-street, Deptford, and the said gentleman in the Office of the said John Whichcord has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Augustus William Tanner, District Surveyor for the District of Hatcham, or the portion of St. Paul, Deptford, in Surrey, be appointed by this Board, and the said Augustus William Tanner is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

78. Westminster.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Dru Drury, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of a Fee for a special service performed by him in inspecting the fixing of high pressure hot water pipes, and the enlargement of the boilers at the Members Mansions, in Victoria-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 40s. in respect of the special service referred to.

79. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. T. H. Watson, District Surveyor, asking the Board to afford him legal assistance at the adjourned hearing, on the 19th instant, of a Summons taken out by him relative to the covering with Asphalte of a flat roof at No. 4, Half Moon-street, Piccadilly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Solicitor be authorised to afford Mr. Watson such legal assistance as may be deemed advisable.

80. Strand.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. Phipps, on behalf of Mr. C. Hengler, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the temporary conversion into a Circus of the Floral-hall, Covent-garden, adjoining the Royal Italian Opera House.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

81. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. Bentley, on behalf of Mr. J. Davis, for the permission of the Board to retain wooden balconettes, recently erected at Nos. 25, 27, 29 and 31, Dyer's-lane, Putney.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

82. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th July, 1883, relative to the fall of the "Horse and Groom" Public-house, No. 124, Westminster-bridge-road, on the 11th instant.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 20th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 3.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **20th** day of **July**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. M'Garel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.
William Halford Fell, Esq.
Charles Harris, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.
Robert Furniss, Esq.
Robert Jones, Esq.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.
William Debenham, Esq.
Robert Cox, Esq.
John Reddish, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.
Alfred Ewin, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.
John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.
Thomas Turner, Esq.
John Abbott, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.
James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
George Hill, Esq.
Edward John Thompson, Esq.
John Jones, Esq.
Lt.-Col. Lord Frederick John FitzRoy.
Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
John Robert Jolly, Esq.
Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
Thomas John White, Esq.
William James Wetenhall, Esq.
Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.
James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 13th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. A Deputation from the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association, introduced by Mr. Selway, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz.—Mr. J. Halford, Mr. C. Hill, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. W. Muir, Mr. J. M. Weylland, Mr. A. H. Doyle, Mr. T. Wheatley, Mr. P. Terry, Dr. J. Gritton, Rev. G. Snashall, B.A., Rev. W. Exton, Mr. J. Deighton, and Mr. R. Gold attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

To the Members of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association,

Sheweth—

That your Memorialists have understood that application has been made by the Sunday League for permission to let chairs and sell programmes at a Sunday Band in Finsbury-park.

Your Memorialists are strongly opposed to such proceedings, on the following grounds—

1.—Because the Sunday Band, as conducted by the Sunday League in Regent's-park, is illegal, according to the following opinion given by Mr. F. Bosanquet—

> Opinion.—I understand that a space round the Orchestra in Regent's-park is enclosed by a barrier, and that no one is admitted to the enclosed space without payment. If that be so, I am of opinion that the space so enclosed is a place used for public entertainment or amusement within the meaning of 21 Geo. III., c. 49, and that any person managing or conducting the entertainment or amusement there on Sunday is liable to forfeit £100.
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> I think the selling of programmes is contrary to the 29th Char. II, c. 7. sec. 1.

2.—Because, although the First Commissioner of Works has informed the Sunday League that they must keep "within the meaning of the law" in their proceedings at the Sunday Band in Regent's-park, the Sunday League continues to break the law by selling programmes, and by making an enclosure to which no person is admitted without money payment.

3.—Because it is a great impropriety that any portion of a public Park (the property of the ratepayers) should be handed over on Sundays to the custody and control of an organisation of the character of the Sunday League (or to any other organisation), for them to carry on illegal trading, and to make a profit of the propagation of their Sunday desecration schemes. Yet this is actually what is done in Regent's-park. The balance-sheets of the Sunday League for the last three years give the following results—

Regent's-park Sunday Band.

1880.—Receipts	...	£365	4	3	Payments	...	£288	- 2
1881.— „	...	301	10	3	„	...	336	10 11
1882.— „	...	334	15	2	„	...	294	19 -
		1,001	9	8		...	919	10 1
					Profits ...	...	81	19 7
							£1,001	9 8

4.—Because it will be unjust to hand over a portion of the Park to the Sunday League for them to trade with and to use as a means for propagating their views, and to refuse to grant a portion of the Park to the Salvation Army, or any other sect or society or amusement Company that may apply for the same privilege.

5.—Because the aim of the Sunday League is to obtain what they call a "Free Sunday." They advertise and sometimes sell at the Sunday Bands a paper called the *Free Sunday Advocate*, and it is a public scandal that any such organisation should have free use and control of the ratepayers' property for any such purpose. The Free Sunday means the breaking down of every barrier which preserves the day of rest. It means a Continental Sunday, with all its labour and unrest.

6.—Because all classes of Her Majesty's subjects have equal right to the quiet and orderly enjoyment of all parts of the public Parks, and their right is interfered with by the operations of the Sunday League Bands.

7.—Because public opinion is against the schemes of the Sunday League, as proved by the numerous Petitions to Parliament in opposition to their plans, and by the fact that 2,335 Trades' Unions, Friendly Societies, Working Men's Clubs, and other working class organisations, having 480,000 members, have adopted Resolutions against the proposals of the Sunday League.

8.—Because the late Secretary of the Sunday League gave testimony before a Parliamentary Committee in 1868 against closing Public-houses on Sundays, on the ground that when he and others went to the Sunday Bands in the Parks they wanted the Public-houses open for refreshments. He gave it as his opinion that, of those who went to listen to the Sunday Band in Battersea-park from 500 to 1,000 would afterwards go to the Public-house.

For these reasons your Memorialists hope that permission to sell programmes and let chairs at the Sunday Band in Finsbury-park may not be granted.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

(Signed) CHARLES HILL,
Secretary.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and **resolved**—That the Memorial be taken into consideration with the Report of the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, on the subject to which it relates.

3. Mr. Lloyd handed in a Letter from Mr. J. Harris, the Assistant Clerk to the Plumstead District Board, dated 19th July, 1883, expressing approval by the District Board of this Board's decision to construct a Sewer for the drainage of the Southern portion of the Parish of Eltham, and urging the prompt execution of the work.

It was **moved** by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the said Letter be received.

4. Mr. Harben handed in a Letter from Mr. T. Bridger, Clerk to the Vestry of Hampstead, dated 18th July, 1883, asking the Board to establish a Fire-engine Station and a Fire-escape at West Hampstead.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the said Letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration and report.

5. Mr. Elam handed in a Memorial from the Vestry of St. James, Westminster, praying the Board to withdraw their opposition to the Electric Lighting Provisional Order relating to that Parish and the Parish of St. Martin-in-the Fields, except so far as might be necessary to procure the insertion of Clauses (if any) for the protection of the Board in the exercise of their statutory powers.

It was **moved** by Mr. Elam, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and **resolved**—That the said Memorial be received.

6. Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 17th July, 1883.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), your Committee have to report that they have unanimously elected Mr. Harben to be their Chairman for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have also to report that they have passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Freeman for his efficient services, and for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of Chairman of the Committee during the past year.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of t Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by yo Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 30th June, 1883		£215,129 17 9	
Receipts since that Date, as per Statement presented this day		222,968 18 4	
			£438,098 16 1
Payments since 30th June, 1883			247,252 16 11
Balance on 14th July, 1883 { viz.: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£202,828 16 2		
Less Cheques not presented	11,982 17 –		
			£190,845 19 2

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance on 30th June, 1883		£1,020 4 11	
Receipts since that Date		4,968 – 6	
			£5,988 5 5
Payments since 30th June, 1883			4,681 18 5
Balance on 14th July, 1883 ... { viz.: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£1,359 14 4		
Less Cheques not presented	53 7 4		
			1,306 7 –
Total Cash Balances on 14th July, 1883			**£192,152 6 2**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 30th June, 1883.*		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 14th July, 1883.*		*Cheques [illegible] but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
Working Accounts—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.
General	73,415 1 10	...	91,158 18 10	3,584 16 8	...	14,159 – 4	29 7
Fire Brigade ...	4,697 18 –	...	8,633 4 10	2,929 5 9	...	1,006 1 1	74 4
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	432,268 19 8	62,500 – –	370 – –	...	494,398 19 8	7,812 10
Fire Brigade ...	18,812 15 10	...	...	2,256 5 5	21,069 1 3	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	51,535 7 4	...	...	3,349 7 10	54,884 15 2	...	3,876 6
Albert Embankment	65 14 –	...	...	...	65 14 –	...	...
Wapping and other Improvements	129 14 8	...	...	182 3 1	311 17 9	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	91 17 6	...	...	...	91 17 6	...	...
Sun Street Improvement	201 13 1	...	1 13 7	...	199 19 6	...	...
Metropolis [illegible]lges (Act of 18[illegible])	34,849 16 8	...	...	4,782 18 2	39,632 14 10	...	5,599 6
Street Improve[illegible]nts (Act of 18[illegible])	229,934 6 6	...	...	26,024 14 11	255,959 1 5	...	28,714 14 1
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	13,062 6 9	...	...	555 8 –	13,617 14 9	...	977 6
Thames Floods Prevention	3,146 18 11	...	...	72 – 4	3,218 19 3	...	...
Parks and Open Spaces	729 6 4	...	...	2,156 10 8	2,885 17 –	...	...
Miscellaneous—							
Firemen's Savings Fund	173 4 3	...	243 4 7	13 10 6	...	56 9 10	...
Consolidated Loans Fund	...	157,839 18 –	59,986 6 8	199,528 5 8	...	18,297 19 –	19,224 3 7
Dwelling House Improvement Fund ...	...	22,848 8 7	407 9 10	1,414 16 11	...	21,841 1 6	12,253 7 4
Metropolis Bridges (Act of 1877)	...	33,018 13 2	38 – –	32 13 –	...	33,024 – 2	...
	430,846 1 8	645,975 19 5	222,968 18 4	247,252 16 11	391,937 12 5	582,783 11 7	78,561 6 7
	£215,129 17 9				£190,845 19 2		

INVESTMENTS.

FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND ... ... £3,620 8 5 ... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED, from the 2nd to 14th July, 1883—

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Assessments—		
Bethnal-green	£4,803 16 9	
Hackney	... 12,627 19 5	
Holborn	... 3,838 1 1	
Plumstead	... 4,185 15 5	
St. George-in-the-East	... 2,633 6 6	
St. Giles	... 4,775 8 –	
St. James, Westminster	... 8,791 12 8	
St. Martin-in-the-Fields	... 5,250 4 10	
St. Olave's	... 2,712 16 6	
St. Pancras	... 19,354 5 10	
Strand	... 5,810 2 2	
Wandsworth	... 16,056 – 11	90,839 10 1
Supplemental assessment, *re* Government property— Bethnal-green		7 11 5
Fees—		
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act)	£3 15 –	
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act)	146 1 9	
„ Gas-meter testing	20 4 –	
„ Petroleum licenses	26 5 –	
„ Explosives Act	3 4 –	199 9 9
Fines—		
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act	£1 5 –	
Metropolis Local Management Act	4 2 6	
„ Floods	2 – –	
„ Bye-laws	5 10 6	12 18 –
Costs recovered—		
Re Leases	£67 6 –	
„ Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act	– 8 –	
„ Metropolis Local Management Act	– 6 –	
„ Floods	– 2 –	
„ Bye-laws	– 13 –	
Law costs, &c....	– 18 8	69 13 8
Proceeds of sales of carcases— *Re* Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act		21 – 5
Re-fund of surveyor's fee, *re* Tanner (Dangerous structure)		4 10 –
Plans, &c., sold		4 5 6 91,158 18 10
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Contributions from Insurance companies		7,992 – 10
Contributions from men towards rent		95 7 –
Chimney-fire penalties...		23 8 6
Watching premises		507 5 –
Carried forward ...		£8,618 1 4 £91,158 18 10

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	8,618 1 4	91,158 18 10
Subscriptions for telegraphic communication	15 - -	
Return of unclaimed wages	- 3 6	
		8,633 4 10
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
Deposit of 5 per cent. in respect of Loan of £1,250,000		62,500 - -
SUN STREET IMPROVEMENT.		
Amount received from contractors in consideration of value of hoarding re-purchased by them		1 13 7
FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND.		
One-quarter's dividend on £3,820 8s. 5d., Metropolitan Consolidated 3½ per cent. Stock	32 14 7	
Proceeds of sale of £200, 3½ per cent. Stock	210 10 -	
		243 4 7
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
Rent	6,517 1 -	
Loans—		
Interest	£4,272 - 10	
Re-payment	3,447 13 4	
	7,719 14 2	
Sales—		
Charing-cross	£69 7 6	
Gray's-inn-road	131 9 6	
Northumberland-avenue	45,325 - -	
	45,525 17 -	
Interest, *re* sales—		
Clerkenwell-road	£37 18 10	
Northumberland-avenue	161 - -	
	198 18 10	
Proportion of rates from outgoing tenants—		
Piccadilly, &c.	£11 7 10	
Charing-cross, &c.	13 7 10	
	24 15 8	
		59,986 6 8
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Rent	1 13 4	
Sale (Whitechapel and Limehouse scheme)	3 4 9	
Peabody Donation Fund Trustees—		
Refund of amounts paid by the Board, *re* Coram-street scheme ...	402 11 9	
		407 9 10
METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1877.		
Rent		28 - -
		£222,968 18 4

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £71,379 7s. 3d., be paid.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors, in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures and for expenses of Shoring and Hoarding, and they recommend—

That the necessary Orders be made with respect to the same.

Pursuant to the Standing Order of the Board, your Committee have had before them a Statement of the Salaries which will become payable to the Board's Officers on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £2,646 10s., which Statement has been approved by your Committee, and they beg to submit the same, and to recommend—

That the Board do pass an Order authorising the Treasurer to pay the several amounts, on or after the 25th instant.

Your Committee have considered the application from the Fulham District Board, requesting payment of the Board's promised contribution towards the cost of building a new Foot-bridge over Hammersmith-creek, referred by the Board on the 24th ultimo (No. 44). The Board, on the 13th April last (No. 7), agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £204, of Building the Bridge in question, on the usual Certificates of their Officers. Your Engineer has certified as to the completion of the work, and your Accountant has reported that the sum of £445 5s. 7d. has been expended on its erection, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £204 in favour of the District Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Vestry of Lambeth, for permission to borrow, and for the advance of, a sum of £600, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 57). The Vestry state that they have for some years done the work of scavengering and removal of dust in a portion of the Parish by their own horses and carts, with a result, as to both efficiency and cost, which has determined them to extend the system, and they propose erecting upon their Freehold premises in Belvedere-road, accommodation for additional horses, at a cost of £2,500, and purchasing 27 horses and sets of harness, and 20 vans and stable fittings and utensils, at a cost of £2,125, £250, £1,000, and £125, respectively. The proposed building will be a substantial brick structure, with inclined approaches for 34 horses on the upper floor, the lower portion forming covering for carts, vans, &c. Your Superintending Architect has examined the drawings and particulars of the buildings, and of the plant to be purchased, and considers the price fair and reasonable. The Board have on previous occasions sanctioned Loans for horses and plant, but your Committee do not think it desirable that they should do so for stable utensils, and these have been accordingly excluded, and the Loan limited to £5,800, and, subject thereto, your Committee recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of Lambeth, for permission to borrow a sum of £6,000 to defray the cost of building new stables, and for the purchase of horses, harness and vans, be granted to the extent of £5,800; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto the amount be advanced by the Board out of their Consolidated Loans Funds in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April, and July in each year, and the principal sum being re-paid, as to £2,500 for erecting the stables, by equal annual instalments on each 1st July within 15 years; and as to £3,300 for purchasing horses, harness and vans, by equal annual instalments on each 1st July within five years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Vestry of Lambeth, for an advance of a sum of £9,000 for paving-works, referred by the Board on the 13th instant (No. 6). On the 4th May last (No. 6) your Committee reported that the Vestry proposed to lay down 291,060 superficial feet of 2½-inch York stone foot-way paving, 29,145 feet run of granite kerb, and 20,260 feet run of granite channel, at an estimated cost of £20,000, and the Board then agreed to advance to the Vestry a sum of £10,000 towards the cost of carrying out those works. The Vestry now state that, in lieu of laying down all York stone, they propose to lay down 145,530 superficial feet of Victoria stone, 2 inches in thickness, of which they now have the opportunity of purchasing a good seasoned sample, which will make a thoroughly good and effective foot-way, and by which they can effect a saving of £1,000 in carrying out the remaining part of the works. Your

Engineer has examined the amended Estimate (as reduced to £19,000), and consider the prices reasonable, and he also reports that, under ordinary circumstances, Victoria stone will wear as well as York stone. From the experience already gained of the wear of Victoria stone, your Committee have no doubt of its lasting the time in which the Vestry propose to defray its cost, and they therefore recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of Lambeth, for an advance of a sum of £9,000 to defray the cost of paving with Victoria stone certain foot-ways in the Parish be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by the Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April and July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within 10 years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

In accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 29th ultimo (No. 41), your Committee have considered the application of the Vestry of Kensington, for an advance of a sum of £12,000 to defray the cost of carrying out an Improvement in Heathfield-street, or Pottery-lane, Notting-hill. On the 30th June, 1882 (No. 6), the Board agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost of effecting the Improvement, and the Vestry now ask for the loan of the money, to purchase the requisite property and carry out the work. As the Vestry desire to borrow the gross amount, your Committee have thought it desirable to attach as a condition to the Loan that when the Board's contribution becomes payable the amount shall be applied in reduction of the Loan, and they accordingly recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of Kensington, for permission to borrow, and for the advance of, a sum of £12,000, to defray the cost of carrying out an Improvement in Pottery-lane, Notting-hill, be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by the Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April and July in each year, and the principal being re-paid, as to £6,000, by equal annual instalments on each 1st July within 30 years, and as to £6,000 at the expiration of 10 years, or at such intermediate date as the Board may be called upon to pay their contribution, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Kensington, requesting a further advance of £5,000 towards defraying the cost of carrying out works under the Kensington Improvements Act, 1889, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 42). The Vestry have power under the Act to borrow a sum of £85,000, and they have already borrowed from the Board £45,700. Your Committee see no objection to the advance being made, and they therefore recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of Kensington for a further advance of £5,000, towards defraying the cost of carrying out the Kensington Improvements Act, 1880, be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by the Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April and July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July within 30 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Vestry of St. Luke, for an extension of the period, by two years, for the re-payment of the Loan of £4,675, obtained for carrying out the Bath-street and Lever-street Improvements, referred by the Board on the 6th instant (No. 7). On the 15th March, 1878 (No. 10), the Board, pending the realisation of the re-coupments arising from these Improvements, sanctioned the temporary borrowing by the Vestry of £4,675, for three years, and on the 15th July, 1881 (No. 6) they extended the period for a further period of two years. This sanction will expire in December next, and the Vestry, not having been able to realise the re-coupments, request a further extension of the time, and state that the Hand-in-Hand Fire Insurance Office have agreed to extend the period of re-payment for a further two years. Under

these circumstances your Committee consider that the Vestry's request may be complied with, and accordingly recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of St. Luke, for a further extension of the period, by Two years, in which the outstanding Loan of £4,675 is directed to be re-paid, be granted, the rate of interest payable in respect thereof not to exceed £5 per centum per annum.

On the 25th May last (No. 5), the Board, on the recommendation of your Committee, agreed to advance a sum of £900 to the Fulham District Board, towards the cost of carrying out an Improvement at Queen-street, Hammersmith, and towards which they had previously agreed to contribute £600. In granting the Loan, a condition was attached "that when the final Account of the cost of the Improvement shall have been "ascertained, so much of the Board's contribution be applied to the re-payment of the "Loan as will leave the balance owing to the Board at no larger sum than the District "Board's proportion of the net cost of the Improvement, less the amount which would "have been re-paid by the District Board if they had borrowed the exact cost at first," and your Committee have since passed a Resolution directing that in cases of Loans for Local Improvements a similar condition shall in future be attached in making their recommendation to the Board. Your Solicitor appears to consider it inexpedient that such a condition should be introduced into the Mortgage Deed, and that it would be more simple, and better to effect the object in future, by a condition attached, rather to the contribution, than to the Loan, and as questions of this nature are always considered by the Works and General Purposes Committee, your Committee recommend—

That the subject be accordingly referred to that Committee for consideration and report.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of the Guardians of the Poor of Lambeth, for an advance of a sum of £25,000, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 59). The Guardians state that the Loan is a moiety of a sum of £50,000, which they are authorised to borrow to defray the cost of erecting an additional Workhouse school on their land at Norwood. There would be no objection to the Board making an advance, but at present they have not the means of doing so, all the money raised for Loans to Guardians, under the Board's Money Act of 1882, having been disposed of, but a provision for raising a further sum has been inserted in the Money Bill now before Parliament, and provided the Bill becomes law, the Loan can be advanced. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board and the Treasury being obtained thereto, and also to the passing of the Board's Money Bill, now before Parliament, the application of the Guardians of the Poor of Lambeth for the Loan of the sum of £25,000 towards defraying the cost of erecting a new school at Norwood, be granted; that the amount be advanced by the Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up as soon as the requisite security can be prepared, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April and July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within 30 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Guardians of the Poor of the Lewisham Union, for a Loan of a sum of £10,000, towards defraying the cost of extending their Workhouse, referred by the Board on the 22nd ultimo (No. 53). As stated in the preceding paragraph, the Board's Parliamentary power to make advances to Guardians this year has already been exhausted, but, subject to the Board's Money Bill passing through Parliament during the present Session, the money can be advanced, and your Committee recommend—

That, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board and the Treasury being obtained thereto, and also to the passing of the Board's Money Bill, now before Parliament, the application of the Guardians of the Poor of the Lewisham Union for a Loan of a sum of £10,000 for extending their Workhouse, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by the Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up as soon as the requisite security can be prepared, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, calculated quarterly, and, with the principal, being re-paid by

equal half-yearly instalments within 30 years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, for the Loan of a sum of £48,345, for the various purposes described in their application, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 54). A further Letter has since been received from the Managers, and is submitted herewith, intimating that they will not be able to obtain the Order of the Local Government Board for purchasing certain land at Long-reach, at a cost of £1,000, and they therefore ask that the Loan may be reduced by that amount. The Board have the means for making the advance, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board and the Treasury being obtained thereto, the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District for a Loan of a sum of £47,345, to purchase land, and for works at their Hospitals, and for purchasing two ships, be granted; that the sum of £37,215 be advanced by the Board out of their General Capital Account, and the sum of £10,130 out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, as to £37,215, on the 31st October, January, July, and 30th April in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within 58 years; and as to £10,130, with interest payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April and July in each year, and the principal being re-paid on each 1st July within 20 years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have for some time past had under consideration the subject of the chargeability of the Board's expenditure on new Bridges. Under the authority of the Act 40 and 41 Vict., c. 99, s. 29, Bridge expenses have hitherto been raised by the Board as part of the General Rate levied in the Metropolis, and not as part of the Sewers Rate. The cost of the new Bridges at Putney and Battersea, and of works at Vauxhall and Deptford-creek Bridges, under the Act 44 and 45 Vic. c. 192, is not charged on the General Rate, and, in the absence of specific direction, will fall on the Sewers Rate, in common with the cost of all the Board's Street Improvements. It appears worth consideration whether Bridge expenditure, as a whole, should not be charged on the same Rate, and if that course should be thought desirable, then, that a Clause should be inserted in one of the Board's Bills to effect that object; and your Committee therefore recommend—

That the question of the desirability of having a Clause inserted in one of the Board's Bills, to place the charges for the maintenance of Bridges on the General instead of on the Sewers Rate, be referred to the Works, &c., Committee, for consideration and report.

Your Committee have received from your Accountant a statement as to Precepts unpaid in respect of the Board's Consolidated Rate for the year 1883, the first moiety of which became due on the 1st June last, and your Committee beg to submit the Statement, and to recommend—

That the usual Orders be sealed for procuring copies of the Poor rates, with a view to levying Rates in default, and that 14 days' notice be given of the course intended to be taken prior to the service of such Orders.

Your Committee have considered the subject of the appropriation of the exact amount received on account of the Board's Loan of 1883, raised by the issue of £1,250,000, Three per Cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, referred by the Board on the 13th instant (No. 12). The exact amount receivable in respect of the Loan is £1,197,892 10s. 6d., and it is proposed to apply it to the respective purposes stated in the Estimate for raising the Loan, presented to the Board on the 13th instant, except that it now becomes necessary to reduce the total of £1,230,000 in that Estimate, by £32,107 9s. 6d., and to reduce the amount to be raised for Street Improvements under the Act of 1877 by £32,000 (*i.e.*, from £400,000 to £368,000), and that for Government and Bank charges by £107 9s. 6d. (*i.e.*, from £10,821 16s. 5d. to £10,714 6s. 11d.).

It is necessary that the Treasury should sanction the appropriation, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That application be made to the Treasury accordingly.

Your Committee beg to submit, for the information of the Board, a Return showing the number of Gas-meters received to be tested, together with the fees charged for the same, for the quarter ended the 30th June last.

Your Committee recommend—

That the undermentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled—

Street Improvements, 1877.

No. 5920.	1883.	April 9.	Baines, C., and Co. (*re* Hawkins)	£7	7 0
„ 5949.	„	„ 16.	Rex, W....	11	11 0

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
JOHN TOLHURST,
W. H. DALTON.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT—

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BAILEY, W. H., AND Co.—(1581)—						
2588 Steam-traps, copper-tubing, &c., for Crossness pumping-station, May, 1883	13	–	8			
NORRIS, S. E., AND Co.—(1587)—						
2589 Leather-valves, india-rubber-hose, &c., for pumping-stations, quarter to 30th June, 1883	45	4	6			
RADFORD, D., AND Co.—(1586)—						
2590 Coals for Abbey-mills and Western pumping-stations, June, 1883...	1,713	3	2			
Carried forward	£1,771	8	4	...		

			£ s. d.	£ s
	Brought forward		1,771 8 4	...
Coulson, Stokes and Co.—(1534)—				
2591	Ironmongery, tools, &c., for repairing, quarter to 31st March, 1883—			
	Pumping-stations	£215 19 3		
	Penstock-chamber, Old Ford	1 6 9		
	Victoria-embankment	5 19 –		
			223 5 –	
Jablochkoff Electric Light and Power Co.—(1588)—				
2592	Electric lighting, Victoria-embankment and Waterloo bridge, March to June, 1883		133 3 8	
Shurmur, W.—(1462)—				
2593	Tree-guards for Wormwood-scrubs, March, 1883		14 8 4	
Lapthorne and Co.—(1461)—				
2594	Tree-stakes, repairs, &c., March, 1883—			
	Victoria-embankment-gardens	£3 9 4		
	Blackheath	4 7 5		
	Eel-brook-common	– 9 –		
	Bostall-heath	10 12 6		
	Wormwood-scrubs	– 14 –		
	Hackney-commons	3 9 1		
			23 1 4	
Whatcott, J.—(1460)—				
2595	Boots for common-keepers, &c., June, 1883		4 16 –	
Greenwood, J. and J.—(1549)—				
2596	Shoring, hoarding, &c., dangerous structures... ...		49 16 7	
District Surveyors—(1550)—				
	Fees, *re* dangerous structures—			
2597	Badger, C. J.	£3 5 -		
2598	Carritt, E.	7 8 9		
2599	Clarkson, J.	5 7 6		
2600	Collis, J.	2 7 6		
2601	Fletcher, B.	3 12 6		
2602	Grose, V. J.	5 10 –		
2603	Hammon, H. J.	8 7 6		
2604	Hewitt, E. R.	5 17 6		
2605	Kerr, R.	4 5 –		
2606	Lansdown, G.	8 10 –		
2607	Legg, H. S	2 15 –		
2608	Markham, S. S.	7 – –		
2609	Notley, R. P.	5 7 6		
2610	Oliver, H.	3 10 –		
2611	Smith, T. R.	2 12 6		
2612	Stenning, A. R.	3 2 6		
2613	Wallen, F.	2 7 6		
2614	Woodward, J. A. J.	3 – –		
			84 6 3	
Reade, F.—(1543)—				
2615	Charge for inspecting and measuring houses at Brackenbury-road, Hammersmith, and as witness, *re* dangerous structure ...		5 5 –	
Parkinson, W., and Co.—(1535)—				
2616	Gauges, thermometers, scales, and repairs, for gas-meter testing-houses, October, 1882, to March, 1883		21 12 11	
Stanford, E.—(1540)—				
2617	Maps, quarter to 31st March, 1883		66 8 6	
Cook, R. J., and Hammond—(1524)—				
2618	Lithography, mounting plans, &c., July, 1882, to March, 1883 ...		122 – 7	
Fellows, C.—(1551)—				
2619	Multiplex copying-apparatus, for Solicitor's department, July, 1883		2 – 8	
	Carried forward		...£2,521 13 2	...

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	2,521	13	2	...		
Walters, L., and Co.—(1589)—							
2620	Dating-machines for Architect's department, June and July, 1883	3	2	–			
Judd and Co.—(1590)—							
2621	Bill for general printing, quarter to 30th June, 1883	1,190	4	7			
Steward, J. H.—(1539)—							
2622	Anemometer for experiments, *re* Metropolitan District Railway, June, 1883	4	4				
O'Hara R.—(1582)—							
2623	Counsel's fees, March to June, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session 1883	348	1	6			
Bidder, G. P., Q.C.—(1583)—							
2624	Counsel's fees, March to June, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session 1883	328	2	6			
Stephens, P. S., Q.C.—(1536)—							
2625	Counsel's fees, April to June, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session 1883	250	19	–			
Saunders, H. C., Q.C.—(1580)—							
2626	Counsel's fees, April and June, 1883, *re* East London Railway Bill, Session 1883	128	12	6			
Whitaker, C.W., C.E.—(1523)—							
2627	Professional charges, and as witness, *re* London Gas Co.	31	10	–			
Halford, B. F., Gas examiner—(1459)—							
2628	Salary from 16th to 25th June, 1883	2	14	4			
Kennedy, T., late Draughtsman—(1545)—							
2629	One month's retiring allowance, to 26th July, 1883	8	17	10			
Gas for premises occupied by the Board—(1546)—							
2630	Gas Light and Coke Co.	£169	16	2			
2631	Commercial Gas Co.	9	9	9			
2632	South Metropolitan Gas Co.	44	7	2			
					223	13	1
Water for premises occupied by the Board—(1547)—							
2633	Chelsea Water Works Co.	44	19	8			
							5,086 14 2

FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.

Horse-hire for drawing engines, hose-vans, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883—(1530)—							
842	Arber, G.	£27	10	–			
843	Atkins, A.	327	–	–			
844	Bridge, I.	559	10	–			
845	Jenks, D.	37	10	–			
846	Murray, J.	165	15	–			
847	Nightingale, H. W.	29	5	–			
848	Puddefoot, G.	58	10	–			
849	Smith, J.	37	10	–			
850	Stapleton, R.	41	10	–			
851	Tilling, T.	988	4	–			
852	Williams, Mrs. S.	40	19	–			
853	Wragg, E. J.	87	10	–			
					2,400	13	–
Sax, J.—(1531)—							
854	Electric-bells for sundry stations, May and June, 1883	160	18	6			
Moore, A.—(1465)—							
855	Fire-plug, &c., indicators, May, 1883	152	19	5			
Judd and Co.—(1464)—							
856	Printing daily reports of fires, quarter to 30th June, 1883	87	15	–			
	Carried forward	£2,742	5	11	5,086	14	2

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	2,742 5 11	5,086 14 2
BRENTFORD GAS CO.—(1527)—		
857 Gas for Hammersmith station, March to June, 1883	3 15 –	
CHELSEA WATERWORKS CO.—(1525)—		
858 Water for sundry stations, March to June, 1883	10 4 –	
		2,756 4 11
FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
TINK, W. D.—(1528)—		
859 Further on account of contract for erection of station at Willow-walk, Kentish-town (No. 615)	600 – –	
...ARD OF WORKS FOR POPLAR DISTRICT—(1529)—		
6...) Paving-works by station, Glebe-road, Bromley	6 10 2	
		606 10 2
MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
...BY, W.—(1596)—		
987 Balance of bill for contract works in constructing relief-lines to the Fleet and Northern High Level sewers (No. 559)	601 16 2	
...OWLEM, J., AND CO.—(1591)—		
988 Further on account of contract for construction of the Ratcliff-highway, &c., relief-lines of the Northern High Level Sewers (No. 567)	3,000 – –	
WADDELL, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—(1592)—		
989 On account of contract for construction of sewers, &c., in Clapham, Battersea, Wandsworth and Putney (No. 614)	5,166 – –	
PEARSON, S., AND SON—(1593)—		
990 Further on account of contract for construction of storm-overflow sewer, at Deptford (No. 625)	2,070 – –	
		10,837 16 2
STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 1877.		
BURCHELL, W.—(1538)—		
6270 Sheriff's fees—		
Re Murphy (Gray's-inn-road) ... ... £16 12 –		
„ Orme (Piccadilly) ... ... 16 12 –		
„ C. J. Smith (Piccadilly) ... ... 16 12 –		
	49 16 –	
NOWELL AND ROBSON—(1594)—		
6271 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Kentish-town (No. 647)	2,650 15 –	
		2,700 11 –
TOOLEY STREET EXTENSION, 1882.		
SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION—(1542)—		
13 Hire of rooms for arbitration, *re* H. Hall		2 12 6
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
BANK OF ENGLAND—(1532 and 1533)—		
888 Charge for management and stamps on dividend warrants for Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, year ended 5th July, 1883—		
£3½ per cent. £6,837 2 7		
£3 „ „ 1,341 7 11		
	8,178 10 6	
BANK OF ENGLAND—(1598)—		
889 One-quarter's dividend on £3 per cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, due 1st August, 1883	30,750 – –	
		38,928 10 6
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
COLEPEPER, F. H.—(1595)—		
4875 On account of contract for paving and other works at Cartwright-street, Whitechapel (No. 639)	339 16 6	
Carried forward... ...	£239 16 6	60,918 19 5

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	339 16 6	60,918 19 5
COMMISSIONERS OF METROPOLITAN POLICE, per the Bank of England—(1541)—		
4876 Attendance of constables, 9th February to 31st March, 1883, (Wells-street, Poplar, scheme)	14 19 –	
		354 15 6

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

WILLIAMS, J., SON AND WALLINGTON—(1579)—		
1239 Bill for general jobbing works, quarter to 31st March, 1883, Area B—		
General Working Account	1,410 18 7.	
Thames Floods Prevention	30 18 11	
		1,441 17 6
PETT, W.—(1576)—		
1240 Repairs to premises occupied by tenants of the Board—		
Metropolis Bridges (1881)	– 12 3	
Consolidated Loans Fund	297 3 –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	76 13 5	
		374 8 8
CRIPPS, C. A.—(1537)—		
1241 Counsel's fees, February and June, 1883—		
General Working Account	263 – 6	
Street Improvements, 1877	27 – 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	28 4 –	
		318 5 –
FREEMAN, G. M.—(1585)—		
1242 Counsel's fees, May and July, 1883—		
Street Improvements, 1877	1 3 6	
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	23 12 6	
		24 16 –
POWNALL, F.—(1522)—		
1243 Counsel's fees, April to June, 1883—		
Wapping and other Improvements	2 4 6	
Street Improvements, 1877	11 5 –	
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	1 3 6	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	5 17 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	8 2 –	
		28 12 6
ARKCOLL, C. S.—(1544)—		
1244 Counsel's fees, January and May, 1883—		
General Capital Account	2 4 6	
Wapping and other Improvements	2 4 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	2 4 6	
		6 13 6
HODGES AND SON—(1584)—		
1245 Short-hand notes, April to July, 1883—		
General Working Account	5 7 –	
Street Improvements, 1877	21 2 6	
Tooley-street Extension, 1882	2 2 –	
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	8 7 8	
		36 19 2
BANK OF ENGLAND—(1599)—		
1246 *General Working Account*—		
Half-year's interest on balance of loan of £66,000, due 1st August, 1883	731 8 9	
Consolidated Loans Fund—		
Sixteenth instalment in re-payment of loan	2,200 – –	
		2,931 8 9
Carried forward		£66,436 16 –

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...			66,436	16	–
	TRANSFER TO WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—(1526)—						
	Repayment of advances—						
1247	Petty disbursements, 25th June to 7th July, 1883—						
	a General Working Account £117 16 6						
	b Fire Brigade Working Account ... £6 4 4						
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... 1 13 8						
	7 18 –						
	c Main Drainage and Main Sewers 2 13 9						
	d Thames Floods Prevention 1 14 5						
	130 2 8						
	Weekly pensions, to 7th July, 1883—						
	e Fire Brigade Working Account 51 10 10						
	Retainers to Counsel—						
	f General Working Account—						
	Re Electric Lighting Provisional Order Bill (Chelsea and Greenwich) 5 15 6						
	g Main Drainage and Main Sewers—						
	Re Willesden Local Board 1 3 6						
	Insurance of station at Wandsworth—						
	h Fire Brigade Working Account ... ... – 11 3						
	Amount returned to men leaving—						
	i Firemen's Savings Fund... ... ... 9 11 1						
	Compensation to weekly tenants on removal—						
	j Street Improvements, 1877 ... ... 45 10 –						
	Postages, 25th June to 7th July, 1883—						
	k General Working Account ... ... 30 – –				274	4	10
	Weekly wages, two weeks to 11th July, 1883—						
	l General Working Account £1,571 15 8						
	Fire Brigade Working Account ... ... – 16 6						
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... ... 31 – –						
	Main Drainage and Main Sewers 115 8 6						
	Metropolis Bridges, 1877 ... ... 28 10 –						
	Metropolis Bridges, 1881 ... ... 24 16 3						
	Street Improvements, 1877 ... ... 26 12 6						
	Thames Floods Prevention 53 7 4						
	Parks and Open Spaces... ... ... 6 6 –						
	Consolidated Loans Fund ... ... 28 16 –						
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund 67 18 6				1,955	7	3
	Firemen's wages, two weeks to 14th July, 1883—						
	m Fire Brigade Working Account 1,954 10 8						
					4,184	2	9
	Amounts to be paid through the account—						
	Bills for sums under £2—						
	n General Working Account—						
	Dalton, W. T., and Son—Repairs to vane at Hampstead-heath £1 14 6						
	Propert, J. L.—Fee for examining officer ... ... 1 1 –						
	Stanley and Co.—Drawing-instruments... ... ... – 8 –						
	District Surveyors — Fees, *re* dangerous structures ... 13 5 –						
	16 8 6						
	Consolidated Loans Fund—						
	o Nicholson, R. — Fee for confirmation of license ... £1 1 –						
	p New River Co.—Ground-rent of yard, No. 9½, Percy-square 1 9 2						
	2 10 2						
	Carried forward ... £18 18 8				4,184	2	9	66,436	16	–

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward				66,436 16 –
Transfer to Wages, &c., Account (*continued*)		£18 18 8	4,184 2 9		
Rates and taxes for premises occupied or taken by the Board—					
q General Working Account		29 17 –			
r Fire Brigade Working Account		91 6 4			
s Street Improvements, 1877		87 6 2			
t Consolidated Loans Fund		474 8 6			
u Dwelling House Improvement Fund		53 7 3			
v General Working Account... ...	£2 17 2				
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	– 7 5				
		3 4 7			
			758 8 6		4,942 11 3
Total					£71,379 7 3

Certified,
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant

Examined,
(*signed*) HENRY HARBEN,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
W. H. DALTON,
JNO. ABBOTT,
DONALD MUNRO,
CHAS. HARRIS,
WILLIAM URQUHART,
THOS. J. WHITE,
JOHN TOLHURST.

Return *submitted by the Committee, showing the number of Gas Meters received by each Inspector, with the amount of Fees charged for the same, for the quarter ending* 30*th June*, 1883.

Week ending	Number of Meters.				Amount of Fees.			
	Mr. Airey.	Mr. Dethridge.	Mr. Mills.	Total.	White Lion-street, Spitalfields.	Castle-street, Southwark.	St. Ann-street, Westminster.	Total.
1883.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
April 7	395	677	650	1,722	14 – –	21 3 6	22 5 –	57 8 6
„ 14	510	624	557	1,691	19 7 –	22 17	20 6 6	62 10 6
„ 21	465	600	574	1,639	16 13 6	20 10 –	22 8 –	59 11 6
„ 28	320	768	613	1,701	11 – 6	23 10 6	34 15 6	69 6 6
May 5	445	480	607	1,522	17 12 –	15 8 –	23 16 6	56 16 6
„ 12	281	432	790	1,503	12 4 –	15 6 6	30 1 –	57 11 6
„ 19	127	252	545	924	3 17 –	9 6 –	18 3 –	31 6 –
„ 26	439	459	722	1,620	15 – –	14 13 6	25 3 –	54 16 6
June 2	307	504	804	1,615	10 7 6	17 13 6	28 12 –	56 13 –
„ 9	491	460	776	1,727	16 12 –	13 3 6	26 19 6	56 15 –
„ 16	303	630	715	1,648	11 9 –	21 14 –	25 3 –	58 6 –
„ 23	439	370	570	1,379	15 – –	12 12 6	20 19 –	48 11 6
„ 30	478	529	558	1,565	14 19 6	18 11 –	24 3 6	57 14 –
	5,000	6,785	8,491	20,276	178 2 –	226 9 6	322 15 6	727 7 –

(*Signed*) HENRY AIREY, G. DETHRIDGE, *per* G. MILLS, G. MILLS, Inspectors of Gas Meters.

(*Signed*) A. GUNN, Accountant.

(*Signed*) W. J. DIBDIN, Superintendent.

The Statement as to unpaid Precepts, and the Letter from the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £71,379 7s. 3d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, as specified in the Three series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to C inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting, by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on Structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Badger, C. J....	2	3 5 –	...	...	3 5 –
2	Carritt, E.	9	7 8 9	...	...	7 8 9
3	Clarkson, J.	6	5 7 6	...	...	5 7 6
4	Collis, J.	1	2 7 6	...	...	2 7 6
5	Conder, A.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
6	Fletcher, B.	5	3 12 6	...	...	3 12 6
7	Grose, V. J.	4	5 10 –	...	...	5 10 –
8	Gundry, H.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
9	Hammon, H. J.	7	8 7 6	...	...	8 7 6
10	Hammond, F.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
11	Hewitt, E. R.	5	5 17 6	...	...	5 17 6
12	Jarvis, H.	1	– 12 6	...	...	– 12 6
13	Jennings, J.	1	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
14	Kerr, R.	2	2 – –	3	2 5 –	4 5 –
15	Lansdown, G.	3	7 10 –	1	1 – –	8 10 –
16	Legg, H. S.	3	2 15 –	...	..	2 15 –
17	Markham, S. S.	6	7 – –	...	...	7 – –
18	Notley, R. P.	5	5 7 6	...	...	5 7 6
19	Oliver, H.	2	3 2 6	1	– 7 6	3 10 –
20	Parsons, H.	2	1 17 6	...	...	1 17 6
21	Payne, A.	2	1 7 6	1	– 7 6	1 15 –
22	Smith, T. R.	3	2 12 6	...	...	2 12 6
23	Stenning, A. R.	3	3 2 6	...	...	3 2 6
24	Tabberer, B.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
25	Wallen, F.	2	2 7 6	...	...	2 7 6
26	Watson, T. H.	1	1 17 6	...	...	1 17 6
27	Williams, T.	1	– 15 –	...	...	– 15 –
28	Wood, S.	1	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
29	Woodward, J. A. J.	3	3 – –	...	...	3 – –
		84	93 11 3	6	4 – –	97 11 3

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned expenses, incident to shoring and hoarding Dangerous Structures, under the Metropolitan Building Acts, 1855 and 1869, be charged to the Owners of the respective properties, together with other expenses affecting the same, and be recovered according to law.

Case No.	Premises.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
26,064	126, East-street, St. Mary, Newington	16 12 11
26,201	36 and 38, Tabard-street, „	6 4 6
26,381	Pavement in front of 1A, Granville-terrace, Lewisham	5 11 11
27,010	109, Cromer-street, St. Pancras	– 10 –
27,233	164, New-road, Battersea	5 1 5
27,282	11, Spring-gardens-walk, Lambeth...	1 8 5
27,341	7, Lee-road, Lee	8 15 10
27,519	Shed, 314, High-street, Poplar	– 15 –
27,559	1, Skin-market-place, Southwark	2 3 3
27,560	2, „ „ „	2 2 6
27,690	23, Brunswick-street, „	– 5 5
27,691	24, „ „	– 5 5
		£49 16 7

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Statement now submitted, showing the Salaries which will become payable to Officers of the Board on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £2,646 10s., be approved, and that the Treasurer of the Board, the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, be authorised to pay the several sums specified in such Statement to the persons entitled to receive the same.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £204 in favour of the Fulham District Board, being the amount of this Board's promised contribution towards building a new Foot-bridge over Hammersmith-creek; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, and seconded—That the application of the Vestry of Lambeth, for permission to borrow a sum of £6,000 to defray the cost of building new stables, and purchasing horses, harness and vans, be granted to the extent of £5,800; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by the Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid, as to £2,500 for erecting stables, by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Fifteen years; and as to £3,300 for purchasing horses, harness and vans, by equal annual instalments on each 1st July within a period of Five years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

An **amendment** thereon was **moved** by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. Turner—That the sum of £3,300 for the purchase of horses, harness and vans be omitted from the Loan.

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, there were for it 4, against it 24, and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The **original motion** was then put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was **resolved** accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of the Vestry of Lambeth, for an advance of a sum of £9,000, to defray the cost of paving with Victoria stone certain foot-ways in the Parish, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Ten years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of the Vestry of Kensington, for permission to borrow, and for the advance of, a sum of £12,000, to defray the cost of effecting an Improvement in Pottery-lane, Notting-hill be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid, as to £6,000, by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Thirty years, and as to the remaining £6,000, at the expiration of Ten years, or at such intermediate date as the Board may be called upon to pay their contribution to the cost of the Improvement, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved--That the application of the Vestry of Kensington, for a further advance of a sum of £5,000, towards defraying the cost of carrying out the Kensington Improvements Act, 1880, be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Thirty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Vestry of St. Luke, for a further extension of the period by Two years, within which the outstanding Loan of £4,675 obtained by the Vestry for the purpose of effecting the Bath-street and Lever-street Improvements, is directed to be paid, be granted, the rate of interest payable in respect of the Loan not to exceed £5 per centum per annum.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the question of attaching a special condition to the Resolutions of the Board when voting grants of money in aid of Local Improvements, with reference to the re-payment of Loans taken up for carrying out the works, be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board and the Treasury being obtained thereto, and also to the passing of the Board's Money Bill, now before Parliament, the application of the Guardians of Lambeth for a Loan of £25,000, towards defraying the cost of erecting School buidings at Norwood, be granted; that the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up so soon as the requisite security can be prepared, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Thirty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board and the Treasury being obtained thereto, and also to the passing of the Board's Money Bill, now before Parliament, the application of the Guardians of the Lewisham Union for a Loan of a sum of £10,000, to defray the cost of extending their Workhouse, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up so soon as the requisite security can be prepared, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, calculated quarterly, and with the principal being re-paid by equal half-yearly instalments within a period of Thirty years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, and seconded—That the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, for a Loan of £47,345, be granted, on the terms and conditions recommended by the Committee.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, and seconded by Mr. Richardson—That the consideration of the application be deferred until Friday next.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the question of the desirability of inserting a Clause in one of the Board's Bills, to place the charge for the maintenance of Bridges on the General Rate instead of on the Sewers Rate, be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, and seconded—That so much of the Report as relates to the amounts remaining unpaid on account of the Board's Precepts for the Consolidated Rate for the year 1883, be approved and acted upon.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. Fowler—That the further consideration of the subject be deferred until Friday next.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 18, against it 7, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That application be made to the Treasury for approval of the appropriation of the total produce, amounting to £1,197,892 10s. 6d., in respect of the recent issue of £1,250,000 Three per Cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be now cancelled—

Street Improvements, 1877.

No. 5920. 1883. April 9. Baines, C., and Co. (*re* Hawkins) .. £7 7 –
,, 5949. ,, ,, 16. Rex, W. .. .. 11 11 –

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

7. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 16th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

Main Drainage and Main Sewers.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Parsons (Putney to Clapham)—(1552)— Cooke, W. C.—		
984 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	13 – –	
Re Baxter (Putney to Clapham)—(1553)— Cooke, W. C.—		
985 Proportion of tenant's Rent of Nos. 1 and 2, Grove-terrace, Borrodaile-road, Wandsworth, from Michaelmas, 1882, to 11th July, 1883 (less Tax)	6 4 4	
Re Kidner (Wandle Branch)—(1554)— Rowland, W. H.—		
986 Costs of Title and Assignment	2 2 –	
		21 6 4

Metropolis Bridges, 1881.

Re Salisbury and Co. (Putney)—(1655)— Goldring and Mitchell—		
443 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.		18 3 2

Street Improvements, 1877.

Re Kilby (Piccadilly, &c.)—(1556)— Pickett and Mytton—		
6252 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	38 9 2	
Carried forward	£38 9 2	£39 9 6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	38	9	2	39	9	6
Re Watney (Camberwell)—(1557)—						
Pownall and Co.—						
6253 Costs of Title and Assignment	8	8	–			
Re Lindeman (Piccadilly, &c.)—(1558)—						
Lindeman, S. A.—						
6254 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	19	19	–			
Collyer-Bristow, Withers and Russell—						
6255 Interest on Purchase-money, from Michaelmas, 1882, to 18th July, 1883 (less Tax) ...	37	8	10			
Re Johnson's Trustees (Piccadilly, &c.)—(1559)—						
Bank of England—						
6256 Purchase-money for Freehold of Nos. 21 to 23, Grafton-street, and No. 16, Litchfield-street	7,400	–	–			
Glasier and Sons—						
6257 Surveyors' Fees, as per Contract	52	10	–			
Garrard, James and Wolfe—						
6258 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	6	6	–			
Re Garrett (Piccadilly, &c.)—(1560)—						
Phillips, H. M.—						
6259 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10	16	8			
Re Sammell (Peckham)—(1561)—						
Phillips, H. M.—						
6260 Costs of Title and Assignment	13	1	8			
Re Morgan's Trustees (Piccadilly, &c.)—(1562)—						
Union Bank of London, Limited—						
6261 Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 24, Rupert-street	2,800	–	–			
Cundy, T.—						
6262 Surveyor's Fee, as per order of Works, &c., Committee	28	7	–			
Gibson, W. and J.—						
6263 Preliminary Costs, as per order of Works, &c., Committee	5	5	–			
Re Smith (Deptford Bridge)—(1564)—						
Smith, Mrs. Susannah—						
6264 Compensation for removal from No. 22, Greenwich-road	30	–	–			
Re The Hon. R. A. Arundell (Piccadilly)—(1564)—						
Trollope and Winckworth—						
6265 Umpire's Fee, and Costs of Award	117	3	–			
Re Sir W. W. Burrell (Piccadilly)—(1565)—						
Trollope and Winckworth—						
6266 Umpire's Fee, and Costs of Award	117	3	–			
				10,684	17	4
Carried forward				£10,724	6	10

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	10,724 6 10
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Cox's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1566)—		
Rogers, Mrs. J. M.—		
885 One-quarter's Rent of Nos. 7 and 8, Angel-court, due Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)... ...	24 9 7	
Re Leathart (Piccadilly)—(1567)—		
Leathart, C. G.—		
886 One-quarter's Rent of No. 45, Rupert-street, due Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)... ...	18 7 2	
Re Morgan's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1568)—		
Gibson, W. and J.—		
887 One-quarter's Rent of No. 24, Rupert-street, due Midsummer, 1883 (less tax)	29 7 6	
	—— ——	72 4 3
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Taylor's Executors (High-street, Islington)—(1569)—		
Costs of Petitioner and Defendant, in pursuance of Order of 12th April, 1883, as per Taxing Master's Certificate—		
4866 Arnold and Co. £155 12 3		
4867 Keily, J. J. ... ... 65 19 –		
——————	221 11 3	
Re Garman (High-street, Islington)—(1570)—		
Francis, S.—		
4868 Costs of Title and Conveyance, including Mortgagee's Costs	49 – –	
Re Hatchett (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1571)—		
Clapham and Fitch—		
4869 Proportion of tenants' rents of Nos. 1** and 2*, Dock-street, Nos. 5 to 7, Butt's-place, and Nos. 1 to 4, Garden-place, from Michaelmas, 1882, to 19th February, 1883 (less Tax) ...	12 7 4	
Re Commissioners of Works, &c. (Goulston-street) —(1572)—		
Her Majesty's Paymaster-General—		
4870 Costs of purchase, and taking two pieces of land on East side of Commercial-street, Whitechapel, including Surveyor's Fee	9 9 –	
Re Monarch Building Society (Wells-street, Poplar)— (1573 and 1574)—		
Learoyd and Co.—		
4871 Costs of Arbitration	16 13 8	
4872 Proportion of tenants' rents of No. 49, Robin-hood-lane, and Nos. 1 to 10, Katherine-place, from 2nd August, 1882, to 25th May, 1883, less Ground-rent from Michaelmas, 1882, to 25th May, 1883 (less Tax)	21 19 5	
Re Collins (Goulston-street)—(1575)—		
Collins, Jas.—		
4873 Purchase-money for Freehold interest in No. 16, New-court	75 – –	
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Brought forward	406 - 8	10,796 11 1
Re Orgill and others (Whitecross-street)—(1597)—		
Hunt, Sir H. A., C.B.—		
4874 Arbitrator's Fee, including Solicitor's charges ...	18 18 -	
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Your Committee have also drawn the under-mentioned Cheque in lieu of a Cheque cancelled in consequence of its having been in hand more than Three months—

Street Improvements, 1877.

Re Lindeman (Piccadilly)—(404)—

6267 Collyer-Bristow, Withers and Russell—Purchase-money ... £1,200 - -

Your Committee have further to report that they have cancelled a Cheque, No. 5873, Street Improvements, 1877, drawn on the 2nd April, 1883, for £1,200, in favour of the Bank of England, *re* Nelson, and that they have drawn two Cheques (Nos. 6268 and 6269) for £600 each, in lieu thereof, one in favour of Mr. J. N. Hodson, and the other in favour of Mr. W. N. Mogg.

In compliance with the reference by the Board of the 22nd ultimo (No. 17), your Committee have again had under consideration the question of the desirability of setting apart a portion of Peckham-rye-common as a space upon which Meetings may be held. They have also had before them the Memorial, presented to the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 2), by a Deputation from inhabitants of Peckham-rye, and its neighbourhood, praying the Board to adhere to their Bye-law requiring their consent to be obtained before any public Meeting can be held, and the Letter to the same effect from the Rev. A. A. W. Drew, Vicar of St. Antholin's, Peckham-rye. Your Committee have now to report that, having carefully reviewed the whole matter, they adhere to the opinion expressed in their former Report that it is desirable that a portion of Peckham-rye-common should, during the pleasure of the Board, be set apart as an open space upon which Meetings may be held. Your Committee beg to recommend in accordance with that view. In the event of that recommendation being adopted, your Committee further recommend—

> That it be referred to the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, to consider and report to the Board as to what portion of the Common should be set apart for the purpose, and under what Regulations Meetings should be permitted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of the Vestry of Bermondsey, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 5), for a contribution towards the cost of a proposed Improvement by widening West-place, Nelson-street, at an estimated cost of £312 15s. 0d. The road at the point referred to will be widened from 25 to 40 feet, and the estimated cost is considered by your Superintending Architect to be fair and reasonable. Your Committee have taken an opportunity of viewing the locality, and they recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement; such contribution not to exceed the sum of £156, and that it be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the works, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Vestry of Bermondsey, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 5), for a further contribution towards the cost of the improvement of the Parish Churchyard. The cost of the work was originally estimated at £1,700, and the Board, on the 1st July, 1881 (No. 7), agreed to contribute an amount not exceeding one-half of that sum. The original Plan was subsequently withdrawn and another was submitted, the cost of carrying it out being estimated at £1,179, and, at the request of the Vestry, the Board approved of the amended

Plan. The Vestry now state that the latter estimate has been exceeded, and they ask the Board to contribute a moiety of the actual cost of the work, namely, £1,378. It appears from a Report made by your Superintending Architect that the increase of cost is due to some extra work having been done which was not provided for in the Contract. Your Committee consider the request of the Vestry a reasonable one, and they recommend—

That the Board do contribute to the Improvement effected by the Vestry of Bermondsey in the Parish Churchyard, a sum of £99, in addition to the sum of £589, contemplated by the Board's Resolution of the 23rd December, 1881, making a total contribution of £688 towards the cost of the Improvement.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. M'GAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
W. DEBENHAM,
GEO. EDWARDS,
JOHN TOLHURST,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
W. H. DALTON,
JOHN RUNTZ,
HENRY HARBEN,
GEORGE HILL,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
Wm. SHEPHERD.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a portion of Peckham-rye-common be, during the pleasure of the Board, set apart as a space upon which Meetings may be held, and that it be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, to consider and report as to what portion should be set apart for the purpose, and under what regulations Meetings should be permitted.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (estimated at £312 15s.) of an Improvement proposed to be effected by the Vestry of Bermondsey, by widening West-place, Nelson-street, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £156, and that it be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute to the Improvement effected by the Vestry of Bermondsey, at the Parish Churchyard, a sum of £99, in addition to the sum of £589, contemplated by the Board's Resolution of the 23rd December, 1881, (No. 6) making a total contribution of £688 towards the cost of the Improvement.

8. Mr. Runtz, in the absence of Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Building Act Committee.

Spring-gardens, 10th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz. :—

Date.	Application.
22 March, 1882.	Poplar District Board, for the re-numbering of the houses in various streets in the District.
14 July 1882.	Whitechapel District Board, for the re-numbering of the houses in various streets in the District.

Date.	Application.
1 June, 1882.	Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, for the re-numbering of the houses in various streets in the Hamlet.
16 November, 1882.	Fulham District Board, for the re-numbering of the houses in various streets at Hammersmith.
23 November, 1882.	Vestry of Camberwell, for the re-numbering of the houses in Tyrrell-road, East Dulwich.
2 December, 1882.	Vestry of Islington, for the re-numbering of the houses in Grove-road, Upper Holloway.
11 December, 1882.	Vestry of St. Pancras, for the abolition of the name Goldington-street, North, as forming part of the line of Goldington-street.
18 December, 1882.	Vestry of St. Pancras, for the re-numbering of the houses in Caroline-street, East, under the name "Caroline-street, N.W.;" and for abolishing the name Upper College-grove, and re-naming and re-numbering the whole line as "College-grove, N.W."
22 June, 1883.	Wandsworth District Board, that the line of houses known as Plough-terrace, St. John's-hill, Battersea, adjoining the London and South-Western Railway, by the Freemasons' School, may be re-named.
29 June, 1883.	Messrs. Lee and Pemberton, on behalf of Mr. W. H. Peto, that part of Collingham-road, and part of Branham-gardens, Kensington, may be re-named "Collingham-gardens."

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That the subsidiary name in Charles-street, Millwall, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Court-street, Whitechapel, be re-numbered.

That Ely-place, Globe-road, be re-named "Lansdell-place, E."

That the subsidiary names in Bradmore-park-road, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Chancellor's-road, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Adelaide-road, Uxbridge-road, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Tyrrell-road, East Dulwich, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary name in Grove-road, Upper Holloway, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Goldington-street and Goldington-street North, St. Pancras, be incorporated under the name "Goldington-street, N.W."

That Caroline-street East, Camden-town, be re-named "Caroline-street, N.W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Upper College-grove and College-grove, Camden-town, be incorporated under the name, "College-grove, N.W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Plough-terrace, adjoining the London and South-Western Railway, on the South-Eastern side of John's-hill, Battersea, be re-named "Strath-terrace, S.W."

That the two blocks of houses marked A and B on the Plan submitted with the application of Messrs. Lee and Pemberton, on behalf of Mr. W. H. Peto, be named "Collingham-gardens, S.W.," in lieu of Branham-gardens and Collingham-road.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
WM. DEBENHAM,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Charles-street, Millwall, in the Parish of All Saints, Poplar, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,125, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 51, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 56, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Don-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Charles-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Charles-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Court-street, in the Parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,126, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 19, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 24, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Court-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That Ely-place, Globe-road in the Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town, and the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be re-named "Lansdell-place, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestries of Mile-end Old-town and Bethnal-green respectively, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1885, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Bradmore-park-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,127, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending

with 51, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 80, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Boston-terrace, Rothsay-terrace, Westbourne-terrace, Percy-cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Bradmore-park-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Bradmore-park-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Chancellor's-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,128, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 123, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 64, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the names Alma-terrace, Oldfield-terrace, Tranquilla-terrace, Munster-terrace, Havelock-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Chancellor's-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Chancellor's-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in Adelaide-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,129, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 53, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 40, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Adelaide-terrace, Stuart's-terrace, Adelaide-villas, William-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Adelaide-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line be called "Adelaide-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Tyrrell-road, in the Parish of Camberwell, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,130, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 45,

being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 60, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the names John's-terrace, Fal-villas, Percy-villas, John's-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Tyrrell-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Tyrrell-road, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Camberwell, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Grove-road, Upper Holloway, in the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,131, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 127, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 108, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Sydney-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Grove-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Grove-road, N.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Islington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That Goldington-street and Goldington-street North, in the Parish of St. Pancras, in the County of Middlesex, be incorporated under the name "Goldington-street, N.W.," that the name Goldington-street North be abolished, and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of St. Pancras, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Caroline-street East, and Caroline-street, in the Parish of St. Pancras, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,132, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 49, being assigned to the houses on the Southern and Western sides, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 24, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Camden-street; that the name Caroline-street East, and any other name or names now in use in Caroline-street East and Caroline-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Caroline-street, N.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of St. Pancras, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed

by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Upper College-grove and College-grove, in the Parish of St. Pancras, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,133, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 17, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 12, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Upper College-grove, and any other name or names now in use in Upper College-grove and College-grove, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "College-grove, N.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of St. Pancras, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 10th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Selway—That, Plough-terrace, adjoining the London and South-Western Railway, on the South-Eastern side of St. John's-hill, in the Parish of St. Mary, Battersea, in the County of Surrey, be re-named "Strath-terrace, S.W.;" and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was **moved** by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and **resolved**—That the name "Collingham-gardens, S.W.," be approved for two intended blocks of houses marked "A" and "B" on the Plan submitted with the application of Messrs. Lee and Pemberton, on behalf of Mr. W. H. Peto.

9. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 17th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, in accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), directing each Committee not being a Committee of the whole Board, to appoint a Chairman to preside at their Meetings, and bring up their Reports to the Board, they have unanimously elected Mr. Fell to be the Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have further to report that the best thanks of the Committee have been unanimously voted to Mr. Ingeldby for his services in the Chair.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered an application from Mrs. Martha Brier, for permission to establish anew the business of a Size-maker at Galley-wall-road, Bermondsey. Your Committee visited the premises and found that an offensive business, *i.e.*, the treatment of the feet of animals for edible and other purposes, was already carried on there, and that this business was necessarily the source of some nuisance. One of the large School-buildings belonging to the School Board immediately adjoins the premises, and there is a quantity of small residential property in the neighbourhood. Under these circumstances your Committee do not consider

that it would be desirable to permit the establishment of an additional offensive business at the premises. Your Committee submit the application, and recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mr. T. Johnson, for permission to establish anew the business of a Tripe-boiler at premises at the rear of No. 168, High-street, Deptford. A similar application was made in respect of the premises by a previous occupier thereof, and was refused by the Board in August, 1877, on the recommendation of your Committee, on the ground that it was undesirable to permit the establishment of such a business at premises, which are closely surrounded by inhabited buildings in a thickly populated district. Your Committee have again visited the premises, and see no reason whatever for departing from their former decision. Your Committee submit the application, and recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee also submit a list of 105 applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, and they recommend—

That in 80 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity, not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in four cases Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum at the places named, in stores situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90, and that in 21 cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

Your Committee have further to report that, under their direction, proceedings have been taken against Mr. W. J. Whipps for the unlicensed keeping of Petroleum at No. 15, Duncan-place, Hackney, and that he was fined 40s. and 4s. costs.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
JOHN RUNTZ,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEORGE PHILLIPS.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mrs. M. Brier, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Size-maker at her Neatsfoot oil works, in Galley-wall-road, Bermondsey, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. T. Johnson, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Tripe-boiler, at No. 168, High-street, Deptford, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the 105 persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places, and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolution were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

10. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee.

Spring-gardens, 17th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, in accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), directing each Committee, not being a Committee of

the whole Board, to appoint a Chairman to preside at their Meetings and to bring up their Reports to the Board, they have unanimously elected Mr. Fell to be the Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have further to report that the best thanks of the Committee have been unanimously voted to Mr. Ingoldby for his services in the Chair.

Your Committee have further to report for the information of the Board that, during the Two weeks ended the 14th instant, Passes have been issued for the removal of 3,027 animals from the Metropolitan Cattle Market out of the Metropolis for the purpose of slaughter.

Your Committee have further to report that they have examined the claims of seven owners in respect of 10 animals slaughtered in consequence of having been affected with Pleuro-pneumonia, and that they have awarded sums amounting to £156 2s. 6d. as compensation for such animals. The sum of £70 4s. 11d. has been received for the carcases, hides, &c., of the animals, leaving the net amount payable £85 17s. 7d. A Statement of the sums awarded has been forwarded to the Finance Committee, with a view to payment.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
JOHN RUNTZ,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEORGE PHILLIPS.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

11. Mr. Tolhurst, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 17th July, 1883.

Your Committee have considered the Memorial, presented to the Board on Friday last, by a Deputation from the Vestry of Hampstead, expressing the regret of the Vestry that the Board had petitioned against the Bill for confirming the Electric Lighting Provisional Order made for that Parish, and asking that the opposition of the Board might be withdrawn. Your Committee have also considered the communication from the Poplar District Board, referred to them on Friday last, expressing regret at the action of this Board in petitioning against the Electric Lighting (Provisional Orders) Bills, and stating that the District Board were of opinion that the creation of divided responsibility and authority would lead to difficulty. Subsequently to the reference of these communications, the Board, on Friday last, on consideration of a Report of your Committee on the subject of the Bills for confirming the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders, resolved that Counsel should not appear in support of the Board's Petitions in cases where the Local Authorities had agreed with the Promoters. This having been taken to mean that the Board did not wish the Petitions to be proceeded with, your Committee have to report that all the Petitions have been withdrawn, and that the only action to be taken on behalf of the Board will be to endeavour to obtain the insertion of such provisions as may be necessary for the protection of the Board's Sewers and other works.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN TOLHURST,
GEO. EDWARDS,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

12. Mr. Munro, on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 18th July, 1883.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), your Committee have unanimously elected Mr. Lloyd to be their Chairman, to preside at their Meetings, and to bring up their Reports to the Board, during the ensuing year.

Your Committee have also to report that they have voted their unanimous thanks to the late Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Munro, for the great attention and courtesy with which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past two years.

Your Committee have to report that certain repairs are necessary to the pay-office, store room, and workmen's shed in Finsbury-park. Your Committee submit a copy of your Superintending Architect's Report, detailing the nature of the repairs referred to, and, as they consider them necessary, they beg to recommend—

That they be executed at an estimated cost of £19 10s.

Your Committee have again had under consideration the subject of Lawn-tennis playing in Finsbury-park. It will be in the recollection of the Board that, on the 27th April last, they adopted a rule limiting to three hours the time during which any persons might play at Tennis in the event of the ground being required to be used by others. Your Committee have now to report that, as the result of their experience, it is found necessary, in order to accommodate the whole of the public desiring to play at Lawn-tennis in the Park, that this limit of time should be reduced to two hours; andthey accordingly recommend—

That the amended Rules which embrace this Regulation, together with certain others which have been found desirable, in order to prevent any confusion or misconception on the part of the public, be approved by the Board.

Your Committee have also had under consideration the question of the desirability of making Regulations for the management of the new Gymnasium formed in Finsbury-park for the use of children. The Rules are based on those already in force for the Gymnasium provided for adults, and your Committee recommend—

That the Rules, as now submitted, be approved.

In pursuance of the reference to them by the Board on the 6th instant (No. 14), your Committee have considered the question of the desirability, or otherwise, of allowing the Sunday League (the playing of whose Band the Board have already sanctioned in Finsbury-park) to let Chairs on hire and sell Programmes on Sundays during the Band performance for the purpose of defraying the whole or a portion of the expenses; and they have also considered the Letters from the Vestries of Newington, St. Pancras, and Bethnal-green, in favour of the proposal, and from the Working Men's Lord's-day Rest Association, taking the opposite view. Your Committee are conscious that, in dealing with a subject involving any action in connection with Sunday, a number of important questions are involved, but they feel that the Board can only deal with the subject broadly on its merits. The fact that the Government have allowed the playing of Bands, the sale of Programmes, and the letting of Chairs on Sundays in certain of the Royal Parks is, no doubt, fairly urged as a reason why the Board, as a public body, should not adopt a different principle, and your Committee cannot but feel that there is some justice in the argument. This being so, it then resolves itself solely into a question of whether the adoption of such a course would tend to the discomfort of the particular class of persons frequenting Finsbury-park. Were the Band allowed to play, as formerly, in the most frequented part of the Park, namely, near the Lake and the Refreshment-room, your Committee might have had more hesitation in recommending that permission should be given

for anything which might have tended to bring an additional crowd to that part of the Park; but, having regard to the fact that the Band now plays only within the Cricket-ground, which is not only in an extreme corner of the Park, but is actually separated therefrom by a fence, and is not frequented on Sundays by any persons except those who are favourable to the playing of the Band, your Committee fail to see any good reason for the Board refusing a concession which, as already stated, has been granted by the Government in Parks under their control. Your Committee have considered the objection which has been raised to the selling of Programmes on Sundays being contrary to an existing Statute, which, however, provides no penalty beyond forfeiture; and your Committee have also borne in mind that the Board already sanction the selling of refreshments in their Parks on Sundays. Your Committee also considered the objection urged, that it is undesirable to allow any private association to make a profit in a public Park; but this has been met by an offer on the part of the Sunday League to submit to the Board, at the close of each season, a balance sheet of their receipts and expenditure, so far as the Finsbury-park Band is concerned, and, in the event of there being any profit, to pay over such sum to the credit of a local charity. The use of the Programmes as a means of advertisement for newspapers and Railway Companies, and other matters, has also been duly considered; and your Committee are of opinion that this is an improper proceeding, and, in deciding upon the recommendation which they now submit to the Board, they have carefully provided against any action of that kind, and also that no person visiting the Park shall be annoyed by Programme sellers, who will, if the recommendation be adopted, be relegated in future to the Cricket-ground, which, as before stated, is practically isolated from the Park. Having thus fully stated their views on the subject referred to them, your Committee beg to submit the following recommendation—

> That the Board do offer no objection to the selling of Programmes and the letting of Chairs within the Cricket-ground in Finsbury-park, by the Sunday League, during the playing of their Band on Sundays, on condition that the sale of Programmes at the entrances to the Park be abandoned, that nothing beyond the particulars of the music to be played be printed on the Programmes, and that a balance sheet of the Band fund be submitted to the Board at the close of each season, and the profit, if any, paid over to a local charity to be named by the Board, in accordance with the offer contained in the Letter from the League, dated 5th June, 1882, to adopt that course.

Your Committee have to report that the interior of the Lodge in Southwark-park requires to be repaired, whitewashed, re-papered, and painted, and that the estimated cost of the work is £25. Your Committee have satisfied themselves as to the necessity for this expenditure, and they beg to recommend—

> That it be sanctioned.

Your Committee have had laid before them by the Superintendent of Southwark-park a placard which has been issued in that neighbourhood, and signed by Mr. Fairbairn, calling a public Meeting in the Park for Sunday next, the 22nd instant. Application for permission to hold the Meeting has been made to the Board, but they have not signified their assent thereto. Your Committee are of opinion that it is very desirable to uphold the Board's authority in their Parks, and they therefore recommend—

> That, in the event of the Meeting being held, the names and addresses of the persons speaking thereat be taken by the Board's Officers and that the Solicitor do at once take proceedings against them, and that he be authorised to retain Mr. Besley, as Counsel in support of the Board's case.

Your Committee have visited the gardens on the Chelsea Embankment, and have arrived at the conclusion that it is desirable, for the protection of the base of the Carlyle Statue, to surround it with a dwarf wire fence. This will necessitate a slight alteration in the paths immediately adjoining the Statue, but the cost of the whole work will, it is estimated, not exceed £12. Your Committee recommend—

> That this expenditure be sanctioned.

The attention of your Committee has been drawn to the fact that the Leases of two of the forecourts, of certain houses, viz., Nos. 47 and 49, near Peckham-rye, and which forecourts are referred to in the Act which placed that open space under the control of the Board, have expired. Having regard to the fact that the forecourts are of no practical use to the Board as part of the Common, your Committee are of opinion that it should be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee to negotiate for the sale of the forecourts to the Freeholder of the adjoining houses; and that a similar reference should be made with regard to the forecourt of the house, No. 45, in connection with which no Lease has ever been in operation. Your Committee recommend in accordance with this view.

Your Committee have to report that Messrs. Cawson and Son, who hold a Contract with the Board for the erection of iron railings around certain waste Common land in the Hackney District, have become Bankrupt, and that the Contractor who is carrying out the work for Messrs. Cawson has expressed his willingness to complete it for the Board. Your Committee consider that, in the first instance, the Board should determine the Contract between themselves and Messrs. Cawson, who, it may be mentioned, have not yet received any payment on account, and that the Sub-Contractor, Mr. Knight, should then be requested to tender for the completion of the works. They therefore recommend—

That that course be taken by the Board, and that the necessary instructions be issued to the Officers.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the state of a Pond on Tooting-beck-common, near Hyde Farm, and they have also received a communication on the subject from the Wandsworth District Board, who are the Local Sanitary Authority. Your Committee are of opinion that the Pond should be at once cleared, and that the bottom and banks thereof, which consist of stiff clay, should be properly gravelled. The estimated cost of the works is £32, and your Committee recommend—

That the necessary works be executed.

Your Committee have to report that there are two portions of the West Heath, Hampstead, lying between the ride formed by the Board, and the property of Sir T. Spencer Wells over which two portions that gentleman has a right of access for vehicles. Hitherto these portions of the Heath have been in their natural state, with turf growing thereon. Sir T. Spencer Wells has, however, recently taken up the turf and gravelled the portions of the Heath referred to, re-placing the turf. Inasmuch as your Solicitor has advised your Committee that any person having a right-of-way has a right to repair such right-of-way, your Committee do not consider it necessary to take any steps in connection with the action of Sir Spencer Wells, and they recommend that course for adoption.

Your Committee have had under consideration a Memorial, signed by the Rev. A. Peache, and certain other inhabitants of Hampstead, praying the Board to convert the present horse ride on the West Heath, into a road suitable for vehicles, and also to deal in like manner with the sandy track leading from North-end to the "Spaniards." This latter track is now (subject to the pleasure of the Board) available for vehicles, but it is the wish of the Memorialists that it should be converted into a metalled highway. Your Committee see no reason why any alteration should be made in either of the cases referred to, and they recommend the Board to adopt that view, and to inform the Memorialists to that effect.

Your Committee have to report that the Agents for the Vicar of All Saints', Blackheath, have staked out a portion of land adjoining All Saints' Church, which has hitherto been treated as a part of Blackheath, but which the Vicar claims was transferred to the Church when it was built on the Heath. Your Solicitor has advised your Committee that it would appear that the land was conveyed as stated

by the Agents of the Vicar, and, under these circumstances, your Committee recommend—

That the Board do take no steps with regard to the proposed enclosure.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of painting materials, ropes, and scythe stones for use in Finsbury-park; cocoa-nut matting for the office in the Victoria Embankment-gardens; and a pair of steps and some reaping hooks for use on the Tooting-commons and Peckham-rye. They have likewise authorised the repair of the fencing at London-fields and North Mill-field, and the watch-box at Stoke Newingtcn-common, and also the formation of bar-gates at the latter place and at Clapton-common; they have also sanctioned the repair of Hydrants in Southwark-park, and the employment of a carpenter and some extra labour in Finsbury-park. Your Committee have also directed your Superintending Architect to have the base of the John Stuart Mill Statue on the Victoria Embankment cleaned, and a seat and some fencing on Clapham-common repaired, and they have authorised the purchase of a few loads of gravel for use on the paths on Blackheath.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JAS. R. LLOYD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
JOHN RUNTZ,
HENRY HARBEN,
GEORGE HILL,
DONALD MUNRO,
WM SHEPHERD.

The Report having been read and received,

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, seconded, and **resolved**—That the repairs referred to in the Report of the Committee be carried out to the pay office, store-room and workmen's shed in Finsbury-park, at an estimated cost of £19 10s.

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, and seconded—That the amended Rules for the playing of Lawn-tennis in Finsbury-park, be approved and adopted.

An **amendment** thereon was **moved** by Mr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Selway—That the consideration of the Rules be deferred until the next Meeting of the Board.

After discussion, the **amendment** was, by leave of the Board, withdrawn.

Whereupon a further **amendment** was **moved** by Mr. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. Richardson—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an **original motion** it was also carried; and it was **resolved** accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, and seconded—That the Regulations for the management of the new Gymnasium for children in Finsbury-park be approved.

An **amendment** thereon was **moved** and seconded—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, there were for it 20, against it 3, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and, having been put as an **original motion**, it was also carried; and it was **resolved** accordingly.

The Clerk laid before the Board the Memorial presented this day by the Deputation from the Lord's Day Rest Association.

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, and seconded—That the Board do offer no objection to the selling of Programmes and the letting of Chairs within the Cricket-ground in Finsbury-park by the Sunday League during the playing of their Band in the Park on Sundays,

on condition that the sale of Programmes at the entrances to the Park be abandoned ; that nothing beyond the particulars of the Music to be played be printed on the Programmes ; and that a balance sheet of the Band Fund be submitted to the Board at the close of each season, and the profit, if any, be paid over to a Local charity, to be named by the Board, in accordance with the offer contained in the Letter from the League, dated 5th June, 1882, to adopt that course.

An **amendment** thereon was **moved** by Mr. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. Selway—That the Board must decline to give any consent to the letting of Chairs and the selling of Music Programmes on Sundays in Finsbury-park.

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, there were for it 14, against it 17, and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

A Division having been demanded and granted, the names of the Members voting were taken down, when there were—

For the Amendment—14.

Bradfield, J. E.	Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Cook, E. R., Esq.	Phillips, G., Esq,
Dalton, W. H., Esq.	Selway, W. R., Esq.
Elam, T. H., Esq.	Tolhurst, J., Esq.
Fowler, F. H.,Esq.	Turner, T., Esq.
Jolly, J. R., Esq.	White, T. J., Esq.
Jones, J., Esq.	

Teller—Mr. Richardson.

Against the Amendment—17.

Brown, G., Esq.	Hill, G., Esq.
Debenham, W., Esq.	Jones, R., Esq.
Edwards, G., Esq.	Lloyd, J. R., Esq.
Ewin, A., Esq.	Reddish, J., Esq.
Fairclough, T. M., Esq.	Runtz, J., Esq.
Fell, W. H., Esq.	Thompson, E. J., Esq.
Furniss, R., Esq.	Wetenhall, W. J., Esq.
Harben, H., Esq.	
Harris, C., Esq.	

Teller—Mr. Munro.

A further **amendment** was **moved** by Mr. Tolhurst, and seconded by Mr. Cook—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, there were for it 12, against it 17 ; and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The **original motion** was then put to the vote, when there were for it 16, against it 14 ; and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried.

A Division having been demanded and granted, the names of the Members voting were taken down, when there were—

For the Motion—16.

Brown, G., Esq.	Harben, H., Esq.
Debenham, W., Esq.	Harris, C., Esq.
Edwards, G., Esq.	Hill, G., Esq.
Ewin, A., Esq.	Jones, R., Esq.
Fairclough, T. M., Esq.	Lloyd, J. R., Esq.
Fell, W. H., Esq.	Reddish, J., Esq.
Furniss, R., Esq.	Runtz, J., Esq.
	Wetenhall, W. J., Esq.

Teller—Mr. Munro.

Against the Motion—14.

Bradfield, J. E., Esq.	Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Cook, E. R., Esq.	Phillips, G., Esq.
Dalton, W. H., Esq.	Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Elam, T. H , Esq.	Tolhurst, J., Esq.
Fowler, F. H., Esq.	Turner, T., Esq.
Jolly, J. R., Esq.	White, T. J., Esq.
Jones, J., Esq.	

Teller—Mr. Selway.

And it was **resolved** accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, seconded, and **resolved**—That the interior of the Lodge in Southwark-park be repaired, white-washed, re-papered, and painted, at an estimated cost of £25.

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, seconded, and **resolved**—That, in the event of any person or persons holding a Meeting in Southwark-park without the consent of the Board, their

names and addresses be taken by the Board's Officers, and that the Solicitor do at once commence proceedings against them, and retain Mr. Besley as Counsel in support of the Summonses.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a dwarf wire fence be erected around the Carlyle Statue in the Chelsea Embankment Gardens, and that the paths near the Statue be slightly altered, at a total estimated cost of £12.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee to negotiate for the sale of the forecourts of Nos. 45, 47, and 49, Peckham-rye.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do determine their Contract with Messrs. Cawson and Sons, for the erection of railings around certain Common land in the Hackney District; and that the sub-contractor, Mr. Knight, be then requested to tender for the completion of the work; and that the Solicitor and the Superintending Architect be instructed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Pond on Tooting-beck-common near Hyde Farm be cleaned out, and the banks and bottom thereof gravelled, at an estimated cost of £32.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as states that Sir T. Spencer Wells has gravelled two portions of Hampstead-heath over which he has a right-of-way, be received, and that no steps be taken by the Board in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Rev. A. Peache, and the other inhabitants of Hampstead who have applied to the Board to convert the horse-ride on the West Heath and the sandy track leading from North-end to the "Spaniards" into carriage roads, be informed that the Board see no reason to make any alterations of the kind referred to.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, and seconded—That so much of the Report as states that the agents of the Vicar of All Saints', Blackheath, have taken preliminary steps to enclose a portion of land claimed by the Vicar, but hitherto treated as part of Blackheath, be received; and that the Board do take no steps in the matter.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded by Mr. Harben—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

13. Mr. Runtz, the Chairman of the Bridges Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BRIDGES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 18th July, 1883.

Your Committee beg to report that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), instructing each Committee, not being a Committee of the whole Board, to appoint a Chairman to preside at their Meetings, and to bring up their Reports to the Board, they have unanimously re-elected Mr. Runtz as their Chairman for the ensuing year.

Your Engineer has drawn the attention of your Committee to two items of expenditure in respect of repairs to the road-way of Battersea Bridge, and to the dolphins of Hammersmith Bridge Steamboat Pier, which, as they each exceed £20, require the authority of the Board. The amounts are £33 and £22 10s. respectively, and your Committee recommend—

That the sanction of the Board be given to the expenditure.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 29th ultimo (No. 53), from the Thames Conservancy, requesting, with a view to the prevention of accidents, that the Contractor for the new Bridge works at Putney may be required to immediately proceed with the formation of the dolphin piles and booms at the Bridge, in accordance with the tracing accompanying the Letter, and to place lights at the works, and suggesting that the third pier of the old aqueduct on the Surrey side should be removed as quickly as possible. Your Committee learn from your Engineer that the Contractor hopes to complete the dolphin piles and booms within the next two or three weeks, and to remove the third pier of the old aqueduct within a fortnight; also that he has received instructions to fix the lights on his works, and on the old Bridge, in accordance with the requirements of the Conservators. Your Committee recommend—

That the Conservators be informed to the above effect.

Your Engineer has reported to your Committee that, having regard to the severe strain of the greatly increased traffic over Putney Bridge, it is desirable that the piers of the Bridge should be stiffened with cross-bracing timbers, and that all doubtful timbers should be removed and re-placed with new ones. The cost of this he estimates at £2,000. Your Committee recommend the Board to authorise the expenditure of that amount on Capital Account, for the works advised by your Engineer.

Your Committee have had before them the Letter from the Vestry of Putney, referred by the Board on the 15th ultimo (No. 41), drawing attention to the alleged dangerous state of Putney Bridge, and asking that the work of widening Windsor-street may be expedited. Your Committee, having conferred with your Engineer, recommend—

That the Vestry be informed that the improvement of Windsor-street, Putney, will have to be carried out in conjunction with the raising of the High-street, after the completion of the new Bridge, as the levels of the roads will have to be raised, and the traffic through the streets maintained during the progress of the work.

Your Committee have again had before them the subject of the communications addressed to the Board, requesting that Vauxhall Bridge may be re-built, instead of being altered and repaired. They recommend—

That the Vestry of Lambeth and the other Memorialists be informed that the Board do not at present propose to execute any works to the Bridge.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of the London and Globe Telephone and Maintenance Company (Limited), for permission to run their wires and cables on the outside ledges of Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges, to the South side of the Thames. Having conferred with your Engineer, your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, for one cable over each Bridge, during the pleasure of the Board, and subject to the whole of the works being executed in all respects to the satisfaction of the Engineer, and at the sole cost of the Company, and that the Company undertake to remove the cables from one or both Bridges, upon receiving one month's notice from the Board requiring them to do so, and that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Agreement accordingly.

Your Committee have also had before them an application from the United Telephone Company for permission to carry a Telephone cable across Lambeth Bridge. They recommend—

That the application be granted, on conditions similar to the foregoing, and that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Agreement.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN RUNTZ,
GEO. EDWARDS,
DONALD MUNRO,
A. EWIN,
W. R. SELWAY.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That two items of expenditure, under the General Contract, incurred in respect of Battersea Bridge and the Pier at Hammersmith Bridge, amounting to £33 and £22 10s. respectively be sanctioned

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That a communication to the effect recommended by the Committee be sent to the Thames Conservators, in reply to certain suggestions made by them as to the carrying out of the new Bridge works at Putney.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the sum of £2,000 be expended on Capital Account in the execution of works for stiffening the piers of the existing Bridge at Putney.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of Putney be informed, in reply to their Letter asking that the work of widening Windsor-street, Putney, may be expedited, that the improvement of the Street will have to be carried out in conjunction with the raising of the High-street, after the completion of the new Bridge, as the levels of the roads will have to be raised, and the traffic through the streets maintained during the progress of the work.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of Lambeth and the other Memorialists be informed, with reference to their request that Vauxhall Bridge may be re-built, instead of being altered and repaired, that the Board do not, at present, propose to execute any works to the Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the London and Globe Telephone and Maintenance Company (Limited), for permission to run their wires and cables on the outside ledges of Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges, to the South side of the River Thames, be granted, for one cable over each Bridge, during the pleasure of the Board, and subject to the whole of the works being executed in all respects to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the Board, and at the sole cost of the Company, and that the Company do undertake to remove the cables from one or both Bridges upon receiving one month's notice from the Board requiring them to do so, and that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Agreement accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the United Telephone Company, for permission to carry a Telephone cable across Lambeth Bridge, be granted during the pleasure of the Board, on condition that the whole of the works be executed in all respects to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the Board, and at the sole cost of the Company, and that the Company do undertake to remove the cable from the Bridge upon receiving one month's notice from the Board requiring them to do so, and that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Agreement accordingly.

14. Mr. Fowler, in the absence of Lord F. J. FitzRoy, the Chairman of the Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE THAMES RIVER (PREVENTION OF FLOODS) COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 18th July, 1883.

Your Committee beg to report that, in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Board of the 28th October, 1870 (No. 3), they have unanimously elected Lieut.-Colonel Lord F. J. FitzRoy to be their Chairman for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have further to report that they have unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Fowler, for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of their Chairman during the past two years.

Your Committee have had before them Plans and Estimates of Flood-works immediately necessary for the protection of a further portion of the Fulham District, viz., from Fulham Palace grounds to Wandsworth Bridge, and of a further portion of the Greenwich District from Deptford-creek to Pelton-road. Your Committee recommend—

That the Plans and Estimates be approved, and that all cases of movable dams with which they deal be subject to the Board's Regulations.

Your Committee have had before them a Letter from Mr. C. Dunch, Surveyor to the Limehouse District Board, relative to raising a part of Narrow-street, Limehouse, No. 648A B on the Plan, abutting on Messrs. Dowson and Worth's Dry Dock. Mr. Dunch points out, with reference to the Notice served upon the District Board to raise the part of Narrow-street abutting on the East side of the Bridge over the entrance to Messrs. Dowson and Worth's Dock, that it will be dangerous to carry out the work unless portions of the Bridge be raised at the same time, to the same level. Your Committee, having conferred with your Engineer, recommend—

That Messrs. Dowson and Worth be served with Notice to raise the flooring at the end of their Bridge to the requisite level.

Your Committee beg to recommend—

That the necessary authority be given to your Engineer for the execution, at the expense of the several Owners, of Flood-works at the following premises—

Bermondsey District.

No. 232 on Plan—Pitcher's, late Addiss' Granary.
No. 262 on Plan—No. 10, Rotherhithe-street.

Fulham District.

No. B 1 on Plan—
„ B 11G.—No. 9, Hammersmith-terrace.
„ 11M— „ 3, „ „
„ 11A— „ 2, „ „
„ 14.—Public Waterway and
„ 18 and 19.—Wharf.
„ 23.—Mall-house.
„ 24.—Hyde-house.
„ 25.—River-court.
„ 26.—River-court-road.
„ 27.—
„ 28.—
„ 28A.—
„ 28B.—Rivercourt-lodge.
„ 28C.—Kelmscott-house.
„ 28D.—River-house.
„ 30.—The "Doves" Public-house.
„ 31.—The Seasons.
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„ 37.—
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„ 44.—Cove-cottage.
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„ 49.—
„ 51.—London Sailing Boat Club.
„ 52 to 57.—Lower Mall.
„ 59.—Lower Mall.

Wandsworth District

„ 19E.—Bourne Valley Draw-dock.
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„ 12.—Burton's Dust Wharf.
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„ 718.—Lombard Wharf.
„ 717.—Alum Works.
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„ 715.—Falcon Wharf.

In some of the above cases the Board have been requested to execute the works, in others the Owners have failed to carry out the Board's Orders, and Letters will be sent to them by your Solicitor, warning them of the Board's intention to enter and do the works.

Your Committee are informed that application has been made to Mr. Helmore, for the sum of £12 14s. 1d., the cost of executing the works at his premises, Parliament Wharf, No. 192B, in the Westminster District, and that Mr. Helmore has made default in payment. In order to entitle the Board to take proceedings to recover the amount, your Solicitor advises that it is necessary, under the 31st section of the Act, that the Board should make an Order, requiring payment from Mr. Helmore, and your Committee therefore recommend the Board to make such Order.

Your Solicitor has reported to your Committee that in several cases proceedings have recently been taken for breaches of the Board's Regulations as to movable dams, and that penalties varying from 20s. to 40s., with costs, have been imposed on the offending persons.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FREDK. FITZROY,
HENRY HARBEN,
A. EWIN,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Plans of the Flood-works necessary for the protection of part of a further portion of the Fulham District, and of a further portion of the Greenwich District, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the Plan, prepared under the 7th Section of the Metropolis Management (Thames River Prevention of Floods) Amendment Act, 1879, showing the line and level of the Flood-works immediately necessary for the protection of a further portion of the Fulham District, from Fulham Palace grounds to Wandsworth Bridge, now submitted, be approved, and that the cases of movable Dams, with which the Plan deals, be subject to the Board's Regulations.

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It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That a Notice be served on Messrs. Dowson and Worth to raise the flooring at the end of the Bridge over the entrance to their Dry-dock at Narrow-street, Limehouse, to the Board's standard level.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the necessary authority be given to the Engineer, for the execution of Flood-works at the undermentioned premises at the expense of the several Owners thereof—

Bermondsey District.

No. 232 on Plan—Pitcher's, late Addiss' Granary.
,, 262 on Plan—No. 10, Rotherhithe-street.

Fulham District.

,, B 1 on Plan—
,, B 11G.—No. 9, Hammersmith-terrace.
,, 11M.— ,, 3, ,, ,,
,, 11A.— ,, 2, ,, ,,
,, 14.—Public Waterway and
,, 18 and 19.—Wharf.
,, 23.—Mall-house.
,, 24.—Hyde-house.
,, 25.—River-court.
,, 26.—River-court-road.
,, 27.—

,, 28.—
,, 28A.—
,, 28B.—River-court-lodge.
,, 28C.—Kelmscott-house.
,, 28D.—River-house.
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,, 32.—Dove's-villa.
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It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. G. Helmore be required to pay to the Board the sum of £12 14s. 1d. being the cost of Flood-works executed by them, under the powers of the Metropolis Management (Thames River Prevention of Floods) Amendment Act, 1879, at his premises, Parliament Wharf, No. 192B on the Plan of the Westminster District.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th July, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestries and District Board—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
		HAMPSTEAD.		
Proposed Mews, Broadhurst-gardens.	555	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for
		PADDINGTON.		
Maida-vale.	500	3′ 9″ × 2′ 6″	1 brick.	Recommended as applied
		KENSINGTON.		
Creswell-gardens, South Kensington.	220	3′ 0″ × 2′ 0″	½ brick.	Recommended as applied for.
		PLUMSTEAD.		
Micheldever-road, Burnt-ash-lane.	400	24-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestries and District Board be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th July, 1883, on applications from the following Vestries, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purpose therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
		KENSINGTON.			
1883. 11th July.	Earl's-court-road (in sections).	Paving.	6 weeks.	6 weeks.	The routes shown in Blue upon the Plan accompanying the application.
		ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.			
3rd and 10th July.	Whitehall, from Whitehall-place Northward to Charing-cross; Charing-cross to Charles 1st Statue; Duncannon-street; Trafalgar-square, North side; and Pall-mall East.	Paving.	1 month.	1 month.	The three blocks of streets are shown in distinctive colours upon the Plan accompanying the application. It is proposed to commence the works early next month, and for the accommodation of the traffic it is intended to complete the works in one block before commencing those in another. The traffic of Whitehall will be temporarily diverted through Northumberland-avenue and Whitehall-place, and that of St. Martin's-lane and place through Adelaide, &c., streets.
	Charing-cross, North of Charles 1st Statue; Trafalgar-square, South and West sides; and Cockspur street.	do.	1 „	1 „	
	Trafalgar-square, East side; St. Martin's-place and St. Martin's-lane.	do.	1 „	1 „	
		PADDINGTON.			
16th July.	Uxbridge-road, from West side of Westbourne-street to East side of Victoria-gate.	Paving.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	The routes described in the letter of application.
	Uxbridge-road, from Kensington-gardens-terrace to No. 1, Lancaster-gate.	do.	3 „	3 „	

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestries, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th July, 1883, stating that a fatal accident had occurred, on Friday last, to a carpenter's labourer in the employ of the Contractor for the erection of the Bridge at Putney; that in turning over a log of timber upon the staging he had fallen into the River, and was drowned, that an inquest had been held upon the body, and that the Jury had returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be received.

18. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan Street Improvements Bill, 1883, had been appointed for third reading in the House of Lords this evening.

19. The Solicitor reported that the Board's Bridges, &c., Bill was still awaiting third reading in the House of Lords.

20. The Solicitor reported that the Board's Money Bill had been considered by a Committee of the whole House on Monday last, when certain amendments had been made, and that the Bill had been reported, and had been read a first time in the House of Lords last evening.

21. The Solicitor reported that the Board's Bill relative to the Metropolitan District Railway Ventilators, and the Commissioners of Sewers' Bill, relating to the same subject, had been read a first time in the House of Lords on the 19th instant and referred to the Examiner.

22. The Solicitor reported that the last day for presenting Petitions to the House of Lords against the Metropolitan District Railway Bill had expired on the 13th instant, and that the undermentioned Petitions, in addition to the Board's Petition, had been presented—

House Committee of the London Hospital.
Whitechapel District Board.
Metropolitan Railway Company.
East London Railway Company, and
Corporation of London,

and that the Bill was now awaiting second reading.

23. Read a Report, as follows—

20th July, 1883.

METROPOLIS IMPROVEMENT PROVISIONAL ORDER BILLS.

No. 1.—(Tench-street, St. George-in-the-East Improvement.)
„ 2.—(Brook-street, Limehouse.)
„ 3.—(Windmill-row, New-cut, Lambeth Improvement.)
„ 4.—(Trafalgar-road, Greenwich Improvement.)

The Acts confirming the Schemes having now received the Royal Assent, I would suggest that the Board should pass a Resolution referring the several Schemes to the Works and General Purposes Committee, in the terms of the Resolution which I present, and which is in accordance with precedent. The powers delegated to the Committee extend only to the acquisition of the sites and the clearance of the buildings. The Board will have to make a new reference before the vacant lands are let.

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

It was thereupon resolved, and ordered—That the Works and General Purposes Committee be authorised to carry out the provisions of the "Metropolis" (Windmill-row, New-cut, Lambeth,) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1883," the "Metropolis (Tench-street, St. George-in-the-East,) Provisional Order Confirmation "Act, 1883," the "Metropolis (Brook-street, Limehouse,) Provisional Order Confirmation "Act, 1883," and the "Metropolis (Trafalgar-road, Greenwich,) Provisional Order "Confirmation Act, 1883," so far as such provisions apply to the acquisition and clearance of the sites to be acquired under the Acts for the purpose of such Schemes; and that the Committee be fully authorised to agree upon and, if necessary, proceed to arbitration with reference to the amounts of compensation to be paid to the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of lands, tenements, and hereditaments to be acquired for the purposes of the said Acts and Schemes, so far as they relate to such Schemes, and to investigate and accept the titles made to any property to be conveyed under the said Acts and Schemes, and to accept conveyances of such property; and also to issue all such Notices and Advertisements as may be required by the terms of the Artizans and

Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Acts, 1875 and 1882, and to serve all such Notices as may be required by the said Acts, and to apply to the Secretary of State for his approval of any modification of the said Schemes confirmed by the said Acts, and also to agree upon and settle, or submit to the proper Authority appointed by the said Acts, the amount of costs, charges, and expenses, to be paid in respect of the carrying of the said Acts into execution, and to draw Cheques for all such payments as are before mentioned, and to instruct Counsel and Witnesses as to all matters relating to the carrying of the said Acts into effect, and to do all such acts, deeds, matters, and things, as may be necessary for that purpose, up to the date when the area or areas included in the said Schemes shall be cleared of buildings.

24. The Solicitor reported that he had withdrawn the Board's Petitions to the House of Commons against the Electric Lighting (Provisional Orders) Bills, in accordance with the directions of the Parliamentary Committee, and he presented a printed Report by the Board of Trade respecting the applications to and proceedings of that Board, under the Electric Lighting Act, 1882.

25. The Solicitor reported that the Commons and Inclosure Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill had appeared on the list of Public Bills as having been dropped, but that it had been re-instated, and had been put down for second reading on the 25th instant.

26. The Solicitor reported that a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the safe keeping of Petroleum and other substances of a highly inflammable nature, had been presented by Earl Granville to the House of Lords, and read a first time.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a copy of the Bill be sent to each Member of the Board.

27. The Solicitor reported that the following questions had been placed on the paper of the House of Commons by Sir R. Cross for Tuesday next—

" To ask the President of the Local Government Board whether, especially " with regard to the danger of Cholera, he would issue a Circular to the " Vestries and District Boards in the Metropolis calling upon them to put in " force the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Acts, 1868-82 " (Mr. Torrens' Acts.)"

" To ask the President of the Local Goverment Board whether, for the " same reasons, he will call the attention of Local Authorities in the provinces " to the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Acts, 1875-82 (Sir " Richard Cross' Acts)."

" To ask the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works whether he " will again call the attention of the Board to the provisons of such Acts."

" To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and the " President of the Local Government Board, whether they will respectively call " upon the Medical Officers of Health in the Metropolis for Returns of all places " which, in their opinion, ought to be dealt with under one set of Acts or the " other."

28. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Ritchie, M.P., had asked a question of the Chairman of the Board, relative to the intentions of the Board with respect to providing additional means of communication between the North and South sides of the River, below London Bridge, and that Mr. James, M.P., had asked a question of the Chairman as to the cost of making new streets East of London Bridge, and the amount of the contributions of Districts East of London Bridge for the general purposes of the Metropolis, to both of which questions the Chairman had replied.

29. The Solicitor reported that it might become necessary, before the next Meeting of the Board, to affix the Seal to Petitions on their behalf against Bills in Parliament.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman of

Board be requested and authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Board to any Petitions which it may become necessary to present to Parliament on behalf of the Board before their next Meeting.

30. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

License to Messrs. E. Pink and Sons, to form an inclined way and Bridge over the Sewer in Staple-street, Long-lane, Bermondsey.

Agreement with Mr. E. Billington, for letting the Millmeads, adjoining the Abbey Mills Pumping Station, for one year, from the 24th June, last.

Conveyance to the Trustees of Mrs. Carr-Gomm of the plot of land sold by auction at the Mart on the 9th instant (Union-road, Rotherhithe, Improvement).

Four Leases to Mr. R. D. Hilton, by direction of Mr. G. Tilling, of Plots of Nos. 1 to 4, Tooley-street (Tooley-street Improvement).

Conveyance by the Commissioners of Works, &c., of two pieces of land on the East side of Commercial-street, Whitechapel, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Goulston-street, &c., Scheme).

Conveyance by Mr. J. N. Hodsdon and another of No. 58, Gray's-inn-road, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Gray's-inn-road Improvement).

Conveyance by Mr. W. T. Waring and others (Trustees of the Will of Mr. T. Morgan), of No. 24, Rupert-street, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

Notice to the Owner of the Elephant and Castle Theatre to remedy structural defects in that building.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

31. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £7,500 to the St. Giles District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorising the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Board of Works for the St. Giles' District, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to this Board for their sanction in writing to the borrowing, by the District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, within the said District, of a sum of seven thousand five hundred pounds, required by the District Board for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred, or to be incurred, by them in executing certain Asphalte-paving works in Southampton-row, Vernon-place, Bloomsbury-square, Hart-street, Gower-street, New Oxford-street, Bedford-place, and Torrington-square, within the said District. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of seven thousand five hundred pounds should be borrowed by the District Board for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of the Metropolitan Board of Works be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the District Board, under the provisions of the first mentioned Act, of a sum of seven thousand five hundred pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by annual instalments of as nearly equal an amount as may be within a period of Seven years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £7,500 be now drawn in favour of the St. Giles' District Board; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

32. The Solicitor reported that, under the provisions of the South-Western Railway Act, 1882, the Board had power to serve the Company with Notice to widen certain Railway Bridges, under certain circumstances, and he suggested that the Board should refer the question to the Works and General Purposes Committee, with power to communicate with the Wandsworth District Board, and to serve such Notices on the Company, and to take such other steps as the Committee might deem expedient, and also that the Board should instruct the Engineer and himself to report to the Committee on Monday next.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the suggestion of the Solicitor be acted upon, and that the reference be made to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and to the Engineer and the Solicitor accordingly.

33. The Solicitor suggested that the Board should make a reference to the Works and General Purposes Committee to consider and report whether any Schemes under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, should be prepared with a view to legislation next Session.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to consider and report whether any, and, if any, what, Schemes should be prepared by the Board, under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, with a view to legislation thereon in the next Session of Parliament.

34. The Clerk presented copies of the Accounts of the East London Waterworks Company, for the year ended the 25th December, 1882, and of the Lambeth Waterworks and the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Companies for the year ended the 31st March, 1883.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. C. Reed, Clerk of the Woolwich Local Board of Health, dated 17th July, 1883, explaining the difficulties in the way of complying with the proposition of this Board for the removal of the houses on the North side of Prospect-row, Woolwich, and for the widening of the thoroughfare to 40 feet throughout, and expressing a hope that this Board would, upon further consideration of the matter, consent to grant a contribution of a moiety of the cost (£2,400) of the Improvement as originally proposed by the Local Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Harris, Clerk to the Westminster District Board, dated 17th July, 1883, stating that the District Board had arranged for completing the widening of Palmer-street (late Gardener's-lane) at a cost of £150, and asking this Board to contribute a moiety of such amount.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Fairbairn, on behalf of a Committee of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, dated 16th July, 1883, forwarding a printed bill of a Meeting convened by a Committee of the Association, to be held on Sunday next in Southwark-park, near the gates of Hawkstone-road.

The Clerk also presented a Letter from Mr. G. Lushington, Home Office, dated 19th July, 1883, enclosing a Letter addressed to the Home Secretary by Mr. Fairbairn complaining of the delay in obtaining a decision from the Board on an application made by him for permission to hold a public Meeting on the 22nd instant in Southwark-park,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Fairbairn be informed that the Board have directed that proceedings shall be taken against any person or persons who may hold Meetings in Southwark-park without the Board's consent, and that Mr. Lushington be informed of the Board's decision.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. Ancketill, Secretary of the Park Band Society, dated 9th July, 1883, referring to the permission given by the Board for the Society to place a Band in Southwark-park on Sundays, and asking that the Society might be allowed to sell Seat-tickets and Programmes of the music.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from Sir H. A. Hunt, dated 18th July, 1883, stating that the First Commissioner of Works, &c., had appointed him as Arbitrator, to hear an Appeal by the Owner against the requirements of the Board in relation to the Canterbury Theatre of Varieties, in Westminster-bridge-road, and stating that he had accepted the appointment.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee.

40. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. May, Bank of England, dated 18th July, 1883, stating, in reply to this Board's Letter relative to the disposal of the sums about to be received in respect of the new issue of Three per Cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, that the amounts should be paid to the credit of the Board's Account at the London and Westminster Bank, as requested.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. Walker, Clerk to the Vestry of Shoreditch, dated 18th July, 1883, requesting the Board not to proceed with their opposition to the Electric Lighting (Provisional Orders) Bills.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry be informed that the Board's Petitions against Electric Lighting (Provisional Orders) Bills have been withdrawn.

42. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Allen, Clerk to the Vestry of St. Anne, Westminster, dated 18th July, 1883, expressing a hope that the street which the Board intended to form in continuation of Greek-street to Newport-market, might be continued of the full width of Greek-street, so as to encourage the Parish hereafter to make an opening through Hayes-court into Leicester-square.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

43. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Smith, dated 19th July, 1883, applying, on behalf of the Salvation Army, for permission to hold religious Meetings on Hampstead-heath.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report.

44. The Chairman stated that he had not yet received any official communication as to the decease of Mr. Henry Lowman Taylor, and he suggested that the vacancy existing in the representation of the City of London at the Board, should be notified to the Common Council.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the decease of Mr. Deputy Henry Lowman Taylor be notified to the Common Council of the City of London.

45. The Chairman suggested the desirability, in view of the existence of Cholera, of the Board authorising the Works and General Purposes Committee to give such instructions to the Engineer and other Officers of the Board as they might deem

advisable with respect to flushing, cleansing and deodorising the Board's Sewers, an the adoption of other precautionary measures.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and resolved—That the suggestion of the Chairman be acted upon, and that a reference be made to the Works and General Purposes Committee accordingly.

46. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 17th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·2	16·7	17·0	9·1	7·0	7·9	0·3	0·0	0·1	None.
	Camden ..	17·1	16·6	17·0	10·4	9·1	9·5	0·3	0·1	0·2	,,
	Dalston ..	17·1	16·5	16·9	11.7	10·2	10·7	0·0	0.0	0·0	,,
	Bow	17·4	16·6	17·1	9·9	8·0	9·2	1·6	1·2	1·4	,,
	Chelsea ..	17·0	16·5	16·8	14·5	14.2	14·3	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17·8	16·9	17·3	10·2	8·0	9·0	0·4	0·2	0 3	,,
	Westminster (Camnel Gas)	21·5	20 9	21·3	10·2	7 8	9·0	1·4	1·0	1·1	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham ..	17·1	16·4	16·8	11·9	9·4	10·5	0·5	0·0	0·2	,,
	Tooley-street .	16·9	16·2	16·5	13·4	10 8	11·9	0·7	0·2	0·5	,,
	Clapham ..	17·2	16·6	17·0	12·4	9·3	11·1	0·6	0·0	0·2	,,
	Lewisham ..	17·5	16·6	17·0	8·8	5·9	7.2	1·2	0·8	1·0	,,
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford ..	17·6	16·5	17·1	11·9	9.6	10·5	0·4	0·2	0·3	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·0	16·0	16·6	8·5	5.7	7·0	0·9	0·2	0·6	,,

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, on July 13th, as tested in Victoria-street, at 8.30 p.m., was 3·3 inches.

47. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. Henry Jarvis, District Surveyor for the District of St. Giles, Camberwell, for the consent of the Board to the appointment by him of Mr. Henry Jarvis, Jun., as his Deputy for one month, from the 1st August next.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that this Board do consent to the appointment, by Mr. Henry Jarvis, of Mr. Henry Jarvis, Jun., as his Deputy, and for the performance of the duties of District Surveyor in the District of St. Giles, Camberwell, for one month, from the 1st August next.

48. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. B. Donkin, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops, on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 55 to 65 (odd numbers only), Southwark-park-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

49. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Donkin, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops, on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 67 to 77 (odd numbers only), Southwark-park-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

50. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. C. J. and C. H. Shoppee, on behalf of the Rev. E. S. Corrie, and Mr. T. J. Scott, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Nos. 498, 500, 502 and 504, Old Kent-road, to an advanced line of frontage, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter

of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

51. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. L. Edwards, on behalf of Mr. J. F. Power, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards and a pent-roof to a villa on the North side of Harefield-road, Brockley.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

52. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Bird and Walter, on behalf of Mr. J. Wallond, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a two-storey addition at the rear of the "Medina" Public-house in Seven Sisters'-road, abutting on Medina-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr Selway, and seconded—That the application be not granted.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Fowler, and seconded by Mr. Brown—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 6, against it 6; the Chairman then voted in favour of the amendment, and declared the same to be carried.

The amendment was then put as an original motion, and it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

53. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Porter and Abraham, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, and one-storey shops, on the East side of Hanley-road, at the corner of Regina-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

54. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the amended application of Mr. T. Greenwood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Mission-hall on the West side of Perry-hill, at the corner of Perry-rise, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

55. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. C. Hoskins, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to Nos. 2 and 4, Newstead-villas, Lee.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

56. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th July, 1883, on the amended application of Mr. J. M. Anderson, on behalf of Colonel Blundell, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an iron and glass porch on a portion of the forecourt of No. 10, Stratton-street, Piccadilly, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

57. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Jones, on behalf of Mr. F. Heather, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on the forecourt of No. 190, Ebury-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

58. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Sprake and Foreman, on behalf of Colonel Warner, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an addition to the portico of No. 62, Eaton-square, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

59. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a three-storey oriel window, from the first floor level of No. 1, Norfolk-street, Park-lane, at the corner of Wood's-mews, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

60. St. James, Westminster.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. Roy, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an open portico on a portion of the forecourt of No. 7, Clifford-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

61. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Graves, on behalf of Mr. R. Rose, for the consent of the Board to the erection of five one-storey shops on the East side of Finchley-road, at the corner of Queen's road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

62. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. M. Teulon, on behalf of the Rev. Canon Spence, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Mission-house on the North side of Lancing-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

63. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Hobbs, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to six houses on the South side of Gleneldon-road, Streatham.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

64. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Clark, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of sheds on the grounds of Hyndford House, Inglemere-road, Forest-hill, abutting on Bampton-road.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

65. FULHAM.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Gibbs and Flew, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of the East side of Margravine-road, adjoining the Metropolitan District Railway.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

66. GREENWICH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. A. C. W. Hobman, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the West side of Ilderton-road, Hatcham, between the Grand Surrey Canal and the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

67. HAMPSTEAD.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Hemingway, on behalf of Mr. W. L. Woodd and Mr. W. Willett, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the South side of Lyndhurst-road, and of the names "Dalkeith-gardens, N.W.," and "Wedderburn-road, N.W.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads.

68. PLUMSTEAD.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. H. Church, for approval by the Board of a Plan for an alteration in the position of a road leading out of King's-highway, Plumstead, approved by the Board on 29th April, 1881, (No. 100).

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

69. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the joint application of Mr. E. Chester, on behalf of Mrs. D. Keatch, and Mr. R. M. Hiscocks, on behalf of Mr. J. Mossop, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and name of a road between Burntwood-lane and Garratt-lane.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

70. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Lucas, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the extension of Chatham-street, Battersea, and the formation of a paved street, 23 feet in width, in connection therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Meaden, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

71. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Fowler, on behalf of Mr. Thompson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of buildings on the South side of Leigham-court-road, Streatham, at the corner of Streatham-hill, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Meaden, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

72. CAMBERWELL.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th July, 1883, on the application of Mrs. L. Doughty, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed at the rear of No. 71, Park-road, West Dulwich.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

73. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Tolley, on behalf of Mr. W. G. Eavestaff, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a partly enclosed timber drying-shed, at South-place, Euston-road.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

74. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Helmore and Brandon, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a shed in Gardener's-lane, Putney, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

75. Hampstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. P. R. Couron, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, the temporary Skating Rink erected in Finchley-new-road.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a period of One year from this date, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

76. Lambeth.—Read a communication from Mr. Edwin Richard Hewitt, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and the Northern Division of Lambeth, dated 14th July, 1883, notifying that certain portions of No. 106, York-road, were about to be re-constructed under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. Edwin Richard Hewitt, District Surveyor for the District of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and the Northern Division of Lambeth, did, on the 14th day of July, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Edwin Richard Hewitt, was engaged to act professionally in respect of the re-construction of certain portions of No. 106, York-road, and the said Edwin Richard Hewitt has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally, as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. John Alexander James Woodward, District Surveyor for the District of Central Lambeth, and part of Battersea, be appointed by this Board, and the said J. A. J. Woodward is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 27th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 4.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **27th** day of **July**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. M°Garel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.	William Robbins Selway, Esq.	Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	Donald Munro, Esq.	Robert Cox, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.	John Runtz, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.
William Halford Fell, Esq.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	William Burnham Garrett, Esq.	Robert Furniss, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.	James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.	Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
William Shepherd, Esq.	John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.	John Abbott, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.
Thomas Turner, Esq.		Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.		Alfred Pocock, Esq.
		Robert Jones, Esq.

1. Previously to the doors being opened to the public, the Solicitor read a Report, which he had prepared, suggesting the desirability of Mr. Pope, Q.C., Mr. Bidder, Q.C., and Mr. O'Hara being retained as Counsel for the Board, in the event of a Bill being promoted by the Board in Parliament next Session, for providing additional means of communication across the Thames, and as to Street Improvements in Parliament-street, and the vicinity of the Law Courts.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Solicitor be authorised to give retainers on behalf of the Board to the Counsel mentioned in his Report.

2. At this stage of the proceedings the public were admitted.

3. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 20th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board, present at such Meeting.

4. Read a communication, as follows—

Knight, Mayor.

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of London, on Thursday, the 26th day of July, 1883.

This day the Court proceeded to the appointment of a person to be a Member of the Metropolitan Board, in accordance with the 44th Section of the Act of Parliament of the

18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 120, intituled, "An Act for the better Local Management of the Metropolis," in the room of Henry Lowman Taylor, Esquire, J.P., Deputy, deceased—

RESOLVED, *unanimously*—That this Court doth hereby appoint Mr. William Burnham Garrett to be a Member of the said Metropolitan Board, in pursuance of the Act of the 18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 120.

(Signed) MONCKTON.

5. Mr. Shepherd handed in a Letter, as follows—

Town Hall,
Spa-road, Bermondsey, S.E.,
July 17th, 1883.

CROSBY-ROW.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed by this Vestry to apply to you for payment of the contribution towards this Improvement promised by your Honourable Board.

The work has now been completed, and I shall be glad of an appointment for the purpose of meeting your Accountant in order to produce vouchers and expedite the settlement of the matter.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) J. HARRISON,
Clerk and Solicitor.

To the Honourable
The Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.
J. E. Wakefield, Esq., Clerk.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

6. Mr. Deputy Saunders handed in a Letter, which was read, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall.
26th July, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed by the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London to inform you that a favourable opportunity has recently occurred for improving a further portion of Upper Thames-street, by setting back the premises No. 35, therein, in re-building as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

The cost of this Improvement has been arranged at £1,340, independent of the professional expenses, and the Commissioners rely that your Honourable Board will assist them therein as in their previous efforts to improve the said thoroughfare.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) HY. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Deputy Saunders, seconded by Mr. Garrett, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

7. Mr. Shepherd handed in a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Bermondsey in the County of Surrey.

SHEWETH,—

1.—That in the opinion of your Memorialists there is no longer any doubt as to the urgent necessity for some means of communication across the River Thames below London Bridge, between the North and the South of London, of which this Parish forms a very considerable portion, its population numbering upwards of 86,000 inhabitants.

2.—That it appears to your Memorialists that the traffic between the North side of the River and the Eastern portion of this Parish is exceedingly heavy and continuous, and a circuit of several miles has at present to be made by that traffic, which is daily increasing, and which circuit would be almost entirely saved by some means of communication below Bridge.

3.—That the population of London to the East of London Bridge in 1861 was 949,191, and in 1881 it was 1,510,302, thus having increased over 500,000 in twenty years, representing about two-fifths of the entire population of London, and numbering almost as many as the populations of Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham and Leeds, which were together, according to the last Census, 1,603,816.

4.—That the only highway for the traffic over the Thames for this great and rapidly increasing population is London Bridge which is only 54 feet in width having a carriage-way 35 feet and two foot-ways each 9½ feet wide.

5.—According to the observations made in 1875, 19,376 vehicles, and 104,159 foot passengers on an average daily passed over the Bridge. Since that time the number has very materially increased, as will be seen by the great increase in the population of this part of London, mentioned in Clause 3.

6.—The congestion of the traffic at London Bridge, and the streets converging on it, has been long complained of, and is making itself more severely felt by the public as a hindrance and a nuisance, exceptionally so when part of the Bridge is being repaired, the congestion of traffic being then so great as to be intolerable to those whose engagements are pressing.

7.—In the opinion of your Memorialists the widening of the present London Bridge would not tend to remove the inconvenience, as although the crossing it might be facilitated, the vehicles would still pass through the crowded streets converging on the approach to the Bridge. The nuisance is chiefly caused by all the vehicular traffic which comes from the whole South-Eastern district of the Metropolis meeting at the Bridge, in order to cross the River and pass to the Northern and Eastern portions of the Metropolis. It is thus seen from what a large area is drawn the traffic that is to be seen at any time struggling to cross the River.

8.—The Tooley-street Improvement by your Honourable Board brings the traffic with greater facility and celerity to the foot of the Bridge, and therefore renders relief still more desirable at a point below London Bridge, as the chief cause of the inconvenience remains, namely, goods cannot be transported with ordinary rapidity from Bermondsey or Rotherhithe, to Wapping or Shadwell without shipment.

9.—Your Memorialists view with apprehension any suggestion of a High-level Bridge, or a Tunnel, as in the case of a High-level Bridge this Parish would to all intents and purposes be put into a well under the diverging approaches, and for the purposes of trade would be virtually blotted out of the Map. This Parish has already suffered too much damage and inconvenience by the arching necessity for the Railway Companies to view with favour any attempt to increase the nuisance by the metamorphosis of the District into a mere series of subways, and a site for the High-level approaches.

10.—The objections to a Tunnel and to a High-level Bridge are alike in one respect, namely, that in either case the Parish of Bermondsey will be left out in the cold in consequence of the entrance to the Tunnel or the High-level Bridge approaches being placed at the extreme inland limit of the Parish, or possibly outside the Parish altogether.

11.—The trade of Bermondsey would be most seriously diminished by either of these schemes, and your Memorialists are most decidedly of opinion that the one and only means of communication which would be of any benefit to the Parish is the Low-level Bridge from the Tower, and this scheme your Memorialists are most desirous of promoting and furthering, and trust that your Honourable Board will adopt that method of establishing a new means of communication, recommended as it is, by the undoubted fact, that while the Tunnel or High-level Bridge would cause irreparable injury to this large and busy Parish the Low-level Bridge, while serving the other affected portions of the Metropolis equally well, would at the same time be of the greatest benefit to Bermondsey.

Your Memorialists therefore pray your Honourable Board to obtain Parliamentary powers during the next Session of Parliament authorising the construction of a Low-level Bridge from the Tower to the South side of the Thames.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) F. H. EBSWORTH.

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The Common Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of Bermondsey, in the County of Surrey, was hereunto affixed by Order of the said Vestry, on the 25th day of July, 1883,

In the presence of
(Signed) ALFRED C. BARNETT,
Town Hall, Spa-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Tolhurst, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

8. Mr. Ewin handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry Offices, the Vestry Hall,
Church-row, Bethnal-green, E.,
24th July, 1883.

Dear Sir,—The Vestry propose to pave with granite cubes the carriage-ways of the streets mentioned in the accompanying Specification and Estimate, and desire to borrow £15,000 towards defraying the cost of the work.

I am directed to ask the sanction of your Board for the Vestry to borrow the £15,000, and also to ask that your Board will be so good as to advance the amount on a Mortgage of the Rates, providing for re-payment of the principal by equal annual instalments extending over Thirty years.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) ROBERT VOSS,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

The Specification and Estimate referred to were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Ewin, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

9. Mr. Lloyd handed in a Memorial, as follows—

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Board of Works for the Plumstead District,

Sheweth—

1.—That your Memorialists desire to invite the attention of your Board to the several representations made by them upon the subject of the urgent necessity which exists for providing a means of inter-communication between the Northern and Southern sides of the River Thames for the convenience of this large and populous District, and the adjoining Town of Woolwich.

2.—That there is now urgent necessity for providing some means of public and free communication between the two sides of the River in this locality, both on the grounds of the safety of human life, and the necessities of commerce.

3.—That in the event of your Board not being yet inclined to construct a Subway, your Memorialists would most respectfully, but most strongly, urge the necessity of providing a free Steam-ferry passing between the North and South banks of the Thames at Woolwich.

This would meet the more urgent requirements of your Memorialists, and could be done at small cost, and without any delay.

4.—Your Memorialists learn with satisfaction that a Plan and Estimate of the proposed Steam-ferry have been sent to your Board by the Woolwich Local Board of Health, from which it will be observed that the cost is estimated at £41,890. Your Memorialists hope this Plan may be favourably entertained by your Board.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Signed by Order, and on behalf of the said Board of Works for the Plumstead District, this twenty-sixth day of July, 1883.

(Signed) GEORGE WHALE,
Clerk.

Old Charlton, Kent.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in

connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

10. The Board resumed the consideration of the Report of the Finance Committee, adjourned on Friday last (No. 6), recommending that, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board and the Treasury being obtained thereto, the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District for a Loan of £47,345, be complied with on certain conditions, and further recommending that the usual Orders be sealed for copies of the Poor Rates in certain Parishes in default with respect to the payment of the first moiety of the Board's Precept for the current year.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, and seconded—That the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, for a Loan of £47,345, be granted, on the terms and conditions recommended by the Committee.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, and seconded—That the application be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

The following Statement was laid before the Board—

Accountant's Department,
Spring-gardens,
27th July, 1883.

Unpaid Precepts, 1883.—1st Instalment, due 1st June, 1883.

St. George, Hanover-square.
Chelsea.
Rotherhithe.

(Signed) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the recommendation of the Committee with respect to the unpaid amounts of the first moiety of the Precepts be approved and acted upon.

The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. H. Smith, Clerk to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, dated 19th July, 1883, in reply to the communication addressed to the Vestry, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd ultimo, stating that payment of the amount of the Board's Precept would be made in a few days.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the necessary steps be taken for levying a Rate on default on the Parish of St. George, Hanover-square, for payment of the first moiety of the Precept of this Board for the Consolidated Rate for the year 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the person in custody of the Poor Rate of the Parish of St. George, Hanover-square, be required to furnish a copy of the same to this Board within fourteen days from the service of an Order upon him to that effect.

Ordered—That Thomas Coggin be authorised, and he is hereby authorised, to demand and receive from Joseph Henry Smith, he being the person having the control of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish of St. George, Hanover-square, in the County of Middlesex, a true copy of such Rate.

A form of Order was laid before the Board requiring Joseph Henry Smith, he being the person having the control of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish of St. George, Hanover-square, in the County of Middlesex, to furnish within fourteen days from the service thereof, to Thomas Coggin, he being the person duly authorised to demand and receive the same, a true copy of such Rate, on payment or tender for

such copy at the rate of sixpence for every twenty-four names, inclusive of all the particulars in the several columns of the said Rate, so far as such particulars have reference to such names respectively; such copy to be verified by the declaration referred to in the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

Ordered—That the said form of Order be approved and adopted; that the Common Seal of the Board be affixed thereto, and that such Order be served on the said Joseph Henry Smith, after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of a written notice to be given by the said Thomas Coggin to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square.

The Seal of the Board was affixed to the said Order accordingly.

The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. E. Salway, Clerk to the Vestry of Chelsea, dated 6th July, 1883, stating in reply to the communication addressed to the Vestry, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd ultimo, that payment of the amount of the first moiety of the Board's Precept would be made on the 17th instant.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the necessary steps be taken for levying a Rate on default on the Parish of Chelsea, for payment of the first moiety of the Precept of this Board for the Consolidated Rate for the year 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the person in custody of the Poor Rate of the Parish of Chelsea, be required to furnish a copy of the same to this Board within fourteen days from the service of an Order upon him to that effect.

Ordered—That Thomas Coggin be authorised, and he is hereby authorised, to demand and receive from William Miller, he being the person having control of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in the Parish of Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex, a true copy of such Rate.

A form of Order was laid before the Board requiring William Miller, he being the person having the control of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in the Parish of Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex, to furnish within fourteen days from the service thereof, to Thomas Coggin, he being the person duly authorised to demand and receive the same, a true copy of such Rate, on payment or tender for such copy at the rate of sixpence for every twenty-four names, inclusive of all the particulars in the several columns of the said Rate, so far as such particulars have reference to such names respectively; such copy to be verified by the declaration referred to in the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

Ordered—That the said form of Order be approved and adopted; that the Common Seal of the Board be affixed thereto; and that such Order be served on the said William Miller, after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of a written notice to be given by the said Thomas Coggin to the Vestry of Chelsea.

The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from the Vestry of Rotherhithe, to the communication addressed to them pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd ultimo.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the necessary steps be taken for levying a Rate on default on the Parish of Rotherhithe, for payment of the first moiety of the Precept of this Board for the Consolidated Rate for the year 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the person in custody of the Poor Rate of the Parish of Rotherhithe, be required to furnish a copy of the same to this Board within fourteen days from the service of an Order upon him to that effect.

Ordered—That Thomas Coggin be authorised, and he is hereby authorised, to demand and receive from James John Stokes, he being the person having the control of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Middlesex, a true copy of such Rate.

A form of Order was laid before the Board, requiring James John Stokes, he being the person having control of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, to furnish, within fourteen days from the service thereof, to Thomas Coggin, he being the person duly authorised to demand and receive the same, a true copy of such Rate, on payment or tender for such copy at the rate of sixpence for every twenty-four names, inclusive of all the particulars in the several columns of the said Rate, so far as such particulars have reference to such names respectively; such copy to be verified by the declaration referred to in the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

Ordered—That the said form of Order be approved and adopted; that the Common Seal of the Board be affixed thereto; and that such Order be served on the said James John Stokes, after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of a written notice, to be given by the said Thomas Coggin to the Vestry of Rotherhithe.

The Seal of the Board was affixed to the said Order accordingly.

11. Mr. Dalton, in the absence of Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 27th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

Main Drainage and Main Sewers.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Mitchell's Trustees (Putney to Clapham)—(1613)—		
Crawter, J., Riley, E., and Newman, F.—		
991 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of Nos. 11 to 19, Borrodaile-road, and No. 1, Grove-terrace, Wandsworth	750 - -	
Lee, C. W.—		
922 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	16 16 -	
Re Jackson (Putney to Clapham)—(1641)—		
Jackson, H. L.—		
993 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in Pasture-ground, and part of Stream, Nos. 4 and 5 on deposited Plan, as per order of Works, &c., Committee	50 - -	
Baines, C., and Co.—		
994 Surveyors' Fee, as per order of Committee ...	5 5 -	
		822 1 -

Metropolis Bridges, 1881.

Re Pope (Putney)—(1614)—		
Pope, M.—		
444 Proportion of tenant's rent in respect of the "Eight Bells" Public-house, Windsor-street, from 11th August, 1882, to 23rd July, 1883 (less Tax)	96 17 -	
Carried forward	£96 17 -	£822 1 -

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	96 17 -	822 1 -
	Robinson and Hilder--(1615)—		
445	Costs of Title, &c., (including preliminary Fees) and Interest on Purchase-money from 16th September, 1882, to 11th July, 1883 (less Tax), in the following cases—		
	Re Shillito (Putney)—		
	Costs £6 1 4		
	Interest (less Tax) 1 9 10		
	Re Thrupp (Putney)—		
	Costs 6 4 8		
	Interest (less Tax) 1 9 10		
	Re Shore (Putney)—		
	Costs 5 18 4		
	Interest (less Tax) 1 9 10		
	Re Hughes (Putney)—		
	Costs 6 1 4		
	Interest (less Tax) 1 9 10		
	Re Hammond (Putney)—		
	Costs 6 11 6		
	Interest (less Tax) 4 7 8		
	Re Blair (Putney)—		
	Costs 6 1 4		
	Interest (less Tax) 1 9 10		
	Re Robinson (Putney)—		
	Costs 6 8 4		
	Interest (less Tax) 1 9 10		
	Re Dacie (Putney)—		
	Costs 6 1 4		
	Interest (less Tax) 1 9 10		
		64 4 8	
	Re Jones (Putney)—(1616)—		
	Jones, S. B.—		
446	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Stable, Coach-house, &c., in Albert-row	75 - -	
	Lewis, F., and Co.—		
447	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	5 5 -	
			241 6 8
	Street Improvements, 1877.		
	Re Galton (Gray's-inn-road)—(1617)—		
	Hudson, G. F., Matthews, & Co.—		
6272	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	27 - -	
	Re Birkbeck Building Society (Piccadilly)—(1618)—		
	Union Bank of London, Limited—		
6273	Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 25, Grafton-street...	1,550 - -	
	Knightley, T. E.—		
6274	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	22 1 -	
	Carried forward	£1,599 1 -	£1,063 7 -

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	1,599 1 -	1,063 7 8
Re Meux and Co (Gray's-inn-road)—(1619)—		
Meux and Co.—		
6275 Purchase-money for Fee-simple in the "Goat" Public-house, Verulam-street	1,500 - -	
McLaren and Son—		
6276 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	40 - -	
Hunters, Gwatkin and Haynes—		
6277 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	21 - -	
Re Morgan and others (Piccadilly)—(1620)—		
Gibson, W. and J.—		
6278 Costs of Title and Conveyance	30 13 9	
Re Hutchings (Piccadilly)—(1621)—		
Hutchings, J. A.—		
6279 Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 1, Thorney-street, Bloomsbury	700 - -	
Newbon and Harding—		
6280 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	15 15 -	
Re Hudson (Piccadilly)—(1622)—		
Hudson, W.—		
6281 One-quarter's Rent of No. 9, King-street, Soho, to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	24 9 7	
Re Glaisher (Piccadilly)—(1623)—		
Letts, Brothers—		
6282 Costs of Title and Conveyance	7 19 -	
Re Bailey (Piccadilly)—(1624)—		
Frame, T.—		
6283 Costs of Title and Conveyance	7 4 8	
Re Butler (Piccadilly)—(1625)—		
Butler, George—		
6284 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in part of No. 6, Cooper's-court, and Trade Compensation	200 - -	
Glasier and Sons—		
6285 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	12 12 -	
Re Morgan's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1626)—		
Gibson, W. and J.—		
6286 Costs of Title and Conveyance	32 14 6	
Re Messent (Peckham)—(1627)—		
Cray, T.—		
6287 Taxed Costs under Order of Court of Chancery	80 5 4	
	—— —	4,271 14 10
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Great Northern Railway Company (Old-street)—(1628)—		
Winn, T.—		
891 Half-year's apportioned Rent in respect of easement for the Farringdon-road Bridge, due 30th June, 1883	41 - -	
Carried forward	£41 - -	5,335 2 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	41 - -	5,335 2 6
Re Marquis of Salisbury (Piccadilly)—(1629)—		
The Marquis of Salisbury, per London and Westminster Bank, Limited—		
892 Half-year's Rent of No. 5, Cranbourne-passage, to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	21 17 10	
Re Morgan and others (Piccadilly)—(1630)—		
Gibson, W. and J.—		
893 Rent of No. 8, Richmond-street, from Lady-day, and No. 9, Richmond-street, from Midsummer to 13th July, 1883 (less Tax) ...	26 14 -	
Re Morgan's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1631)—		
Gibson, W. and J.—		
894 Rent of No. 24, Rupert-street, from Midsummer to 13th July, 1883 (less Tax)	7 14 6	
Re "Havelock Arms," Public-house (Gray's-inn-road)—(1632)—		
Beal, E. W.—		
895 Fees and expenses on application for provisional License	6 4 -	
Re "Red Lion," Public-house (Gray's-inn-road)—(1633)—		
Beal, E. W.—		
896 Balance of fees and expenses on application for provisional License	4 1 -	
		107 11 4
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Myers (Goulston-street)—(1634)—		
Myers, F. W. H.—		
4877 Purchase-money for Freehold interest in Nos. 10, 11 and 14, New-court, and No. 180* on Plan...	600 - -	
Clarke, T. C.—		
4878 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	14 14 -	
Re Mawby (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1636)—		
Mawby, B.—		
4879 Compensation for yearly tenancy in No. 1A, Dock-street	80 - -	
Re Monarch, &c., Building Society (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1635)—		
Learoyd and Co.—		
4880 Costs of Title and Conveyance	12 17 -	
Re Gould (Whitecross-street)—(1637)—		
Hunt, Sir H. A., C.B.—		
4881 Arbitrator's Fee, and costs of Award	6 6 -	
Clifton, E. N.—(1638)—		
4882 Surveyor's charges, and as Witness, *re* "Essex" Tavern and "Bull's Head" Public-house (Goulston-street)	21 6 -	
Whichcord, J.—(1639)—		
4883 Surveyor's charges, *re* "Essex" Tavern (Goulston-street)	15 15 -	
Carried forward	£750 18 -	5,442 13 10

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	750 18 –	5,442 13 10
Walker, R.—(1640)—			
4884	Surveyor's charges, and as Witness, *re* "Essex" Tavern and "Bull's Head" Public-house (Goulston-street)	15 15 –	
			766 13 –
			£6,209 6 10

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques, as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand more than Three months—

Street Improvements, 1877.

Re Le Dieu (Charing-cross, &c.)—(1845-1882)—			
6288	Beeston, F.—Surveyor's Fee	£31 10 –	
6289	Rye and Eyre—Preliminary Costs	8 8 –	
			39 18 –
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Woolf's Trustees (Goulston-street)—(2337-1881)—			
4885	Jacobs and Vincent—Purchase-money		330 – –
			£369 18 –

Your Committee have further to report that they have cancelled the Cheque, No. 874, drawn on the 2nd instant, on the Consolidated Loans Fund, in favour of Messrs. Young, Jones, Roberts, and Hale, *re* Hollands' Trustees (Piccadilly), for £19 10s. 3d., and that they have drawn another Cheque (No. 897) in lieu thereof, for £39 0s. 10d.

In compliance with the reference by the Board of the 6th instant (No. 60) your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. R. Fairbairn, on behalf of the Political Committee of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, applying for permission to hold Meetings in Southwark-park on Sundays during the summer season, for the purpose of discussing the subjects of social abuses, political reform, and matters of public policy. Your Committee having given careful attention to the request are of opinion that it is one to which it is not desirable that the Board should accede, and they therefore recommend—

That Mr. Fairbairn be informed that the Board are not prepared to grant the desired permission.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of the Hackney District Board, for a contribution towards the cost of widening and improving the Bridge over the New River at Lordship-road, Stoke Newington, as shown upon the tracings accompanying their Letter. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and have had before them a Report by your Engineer, stating that he has amended the design submitted by the District Board, so as to give the additional strength to the Bridge, which appears to be necessary. These amendments are shown upon Drawings marked A and B which have been laid before your Committee, and the execution of the works in accordance therewith will, your Engineer states, increase the cost by about £120, *i.e.*, from £300, estimated by the District Board, to about £420. Your Committee concur in your Engineer's suggestions, and beg to submit the following recommendation—

That the Board do contribute one-half of the cost of the widening and improving by the Hackney District Board, of the Bridge over the New River at Lordship-road, Stoke Newington, on condition that the design be amended in accordance with a Report made by the Engineer of this Board, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £210, being one-half of the cost of carrying out the amended design, and that it be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by

the Engineer of this Board, of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

The Board, on the 13th instant (No. 14), referred back to your Committee an application by the Woolwich Local Board of Health, for an increase of the contribution to the Hare-street Improvement. The original Estimate, it will be remembered, was £6,840, but upon the completion of the Improvement it was found that, owing to the expenses of contesting exhorbitant trade and other claims which had been sent in, the actual cost had amounted to upwards of £9,000. Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Accountant, and a detailed statement obtained by him from the Local Board, from which it appears that the net cost of the Improvement, irrespective of professional and similar charges, has been £7,411 3s. 0d., and that the charges above referred to amounted to £1,691 14s. 7d. It will be seen that the net cost of the Improvement itself has exceeded the Estimate by about £570, and your Committee are of opinion that the Board may fairly make an additional contribution of one-half of that amount. With regard to the professional and other charges, however, your Committee, upon a review of the question, have arrived at the conclusion that it is not expedient to comply with the request. Your Committee submit the following recommendation for adoption.

That the Board do contribute to the Improvement at Hare-street, effected by the Woolwich Local Board of Health, a sum of £285, in addition to the sum of £3,420, mentioned in this Board's Resolution of the 7th November, 1879, making a total contribution of £3,705 towards the cost of the Improvement.

Your Committee have proceeded on the Resolution of the Board of the 27th April last (No. 6), expressing the opinion that the provisions of the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866, should be put in force with respect to Streatham-common, if upon further investigation your Solicitor were able to obtain satisfactory evidence to bring the case within the scope of that Act, and referring the subject back to your Committee with that view. Your Solicitor has now laid before your Committee a draft Memorial to the Inclosure Commissioners with a draft Scheme for the management and control of the Common. It appears to your Committee desirable that these should be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration, and for report to the Board, and they recommend that course for adoption.

Your Committee have to report, with reference to the conditional permission granted to Mr. W. H. Denham, to make an experiment at Crossness Pumping Station of his method of treating Sewage, that Mr. Denham has failed to furnish the necessary Plans to enable your Solicitor to prepare an Agreement, and under these circumstances they recommend—

That the reference to that Officer be discharged, and that no further action be taken in the matter.

Your Committee submit for the information of the Board, a list of claims settled by them in respect of properties taken under the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act, 1877, the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, the Metropolitan Bridges Act, 1881, and the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Act, 1882, from 1st April to 30th June, 1883 (inclusive).

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
W. H. DALTON,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
WM. SHEPHERD,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
GEO. EDWARDS,
JOHN RUNTZ,
DONALD MUNRO.

LIST OF CLAIMS SETTLED IN RESPECT OF PROPERTIES TAKEN UNDER THE METROPOLITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS ACT, 1877, THE METROPOLIS MANAGEMENT ACT, 1855, THE METROPOLITAN BRIDGES ACT, 1881, AND THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (VARIOUS POWERS) ACT, 1882, FROM THE 1ST APRIL TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1883 (INCLUSIVE), SUBMITTED WITH THE REPORT.

No. on Plan.	Name of Claimant.	Locality.	Nature of claim.	Amount claimed.	Amount agreed on.	By whom settled.
		Piccadilly-circus to New Oxford-street Improvement.				
99	T. E. Evans	No. 46, Rupert-street, and workshops at rear	Leasehold	£ s. d. 650 0 0	£ s. d. 550 0 0	Architect.
10	J. A. Hutchings ...	No. 1, Thorney-street	Do.	800 0 0	700 0 0	Do.
210	C. Crawley	No. 47, Dudley-street	Do.	2,750 0 0	2,400 0 0	Do. Jury Notice served.
103	J. Bentley	No 21, Rupert-street, and building at rear	Leasehold & Business	4,070 10 9	500 0 0	Do.
172	J. C. Ranson	No. 8, King-street, Soho ...	Leasehold	180 0 0	100 0 0	Architect.
13	H. Smith	No. 12, Bloomsbury-street ...	Leasehold & Business	1,400 0 0	600 0 0	Do. Jury Notice served.
173	E F. Bigg and others	No. 8, Great White Lion-street	Leasehold	600 0 0	500 0 0	Architect
174	E. F Bigg and others	No. 7, Great White Lion-street	Do.	600 0 0	450 0 0	Do.
143	Morrell's Executors ...	No. 30, Great St. Andrew-street	Do.	460 9 0	250 0 0	Do.
15	G. Glaisher	No. 10, Bloomsbury-street ...	Leasehold & Business	1,520 0 0	750 0 0	Do.
9	Pritchard's Executors	No. 2, Thorney-street	Leasehold	392 14 0	370 0 0	Do.
149, 152 to 174, 176 to 181, 188 to 216, and 222 to 229	H. Hammond Spencer	No. 24, Great St. Andrew-street, and No. 87, Dudley-street, Nos. 67 to 86 (inclusive), Dudley-street, Nos 1 to 5 (inclusive), Great White Lion-court, Nos. 9, 10, and 11, Great White Lion-street, Nos. 47 to 66 (inclusive), Dudley-street Nos. 2 to 7, Little Earl-street, and Nos. 1 to 8 (inclusive), Monmouth-court	Freehold	68,010 0 0	49,000 0 0	Architect. Jury Notice served
138 to 148, and 173, 174, 175, and 175A	H. G. Hammond Spencer and R. M. Veat	Nos. 25 to 35 (inclusive), Great St. Andrew-street, and Nos. 5 6, 7, and 8, Great White Lion-street	Do.	28,000 0 0	19,000 0 0	Do.
263, 264	Matthews and another	Nos 43 and 44, Wardour-street	Leasehold & Business	3,982 11 6	2,300 0 0	Architect.
170, 171	G. Kelley	Nos. 67 and 68, Dudley-street	Leasehold	2,594 0 0	1,750 0 0	Do.
1	W. Bennett	No. 473, New Oxford-street ...	Do.	4,850 0 0	4,600 0 0	Do.
161	H. Davies	No. 1, Moor-street Soho ...	Leasehold & Business	630 0 0	250 0 0	Do.
79 and 136	J. Harris	Premises in Catherine Wheel-yard, the "Soho Distillery" Public-house, and No. 3, Grafton-street, with cottage at rear	Freehold & Business	16,075 0 0	8,000 0 0	Architect.
185, 186	E. C. Valler	Nos. 67 and 68, King-street, Soho	Leasehold	559 1 10	175 0 0	Architect. Jury Notice served.
160	A. J. Cumberlege ...	No. 67, Dudley-street	Do.	2,339 14 0	1,500 0 0	Architect.
155	H. Bailey	No. 24, Grafton-street	Leasehold & Business	2,011 0 0	870 0 0 including all costs.	Do. Jury Notice served.
129	E. Cooper	No. 20, Broad-street	Leasehold	1,630 15 0	1,450 0 0	Architect.
Part of 64	G Butler	Part of No. 6, Cooper's-court...	Leasehold & Business	325 0 0	200 0 0	Do.
265	H. D. Godfrey	Part of No. 40, Wardour-street	Do.	2,462 10 0	1,200 0 0	Do.
11	G. Pearce	No. 14, Bloomsbury-street ...	Do.	4 050 0 0	2,450 0 0	Do.
233	Major C. H. Owen ...	No. 16, King-street	Freehold	2,500 0 0	1,350 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served
237	J. C. Auckland... ...	No. 17, King-street	Do.	1,900 0 0	1,350 0 0	Do.
264	Wm. Bateman ...	No. 42, Wardour-street ...	Do.	2,041 0 0	1,750 0 0	Do.
250	Trustees of W. F. Seltan	No. 6, Macclesfield-street ...	Do.	2,035 0 0	1,400 0 0	Verdict of Jury.
238	Hy. Lawrence... ...	No. 35, Little Earl-street ...	Leasehold & Business	1,112 0 0	500 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served.
135	Thos. R. Edwards and another	No. 4, Grafton-street ...	Freehold	2,530 0 0	1,800 0 0	Do.
149	Thos Lawrence ...	No. 24, Gt. St. Andrew-street, and No 87, Dudley-street	Leasehold	3,000 0 0	1,529 0 0	Award of Mr. Clutton.
150	Cotton and Johnson ...	No. 16, Litchfield-street, and Nos. 21, 22, and 23 Grafton-street	Leasehold & Business	7,140 0 0	2,500 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served.
158, 173, 174, 192, 201, and 206	C. J. Smith	Nos. 54, 56, 65, and 80, Dudley-street, and Nos. 7 and 8, Gt. White Lion-street	Leasehold	3,429 0 0	1,650 0 0	Verdict of Jury
138	Cecilia Morris	No 35, Gt. St. Anorew-street	Do.	569 0 0	200 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served.
146	Wm. Garrett	No 27, Gt. St. Andrew-street	Leasehold & Business	1,094 0 0	400 0 0	Do.
141 and 145	Thos. J. Dawson... ...	Nos. 28 and 32, Gt. St. Andrew-street	Do.	1,590 0 0	695 0 0	Do.
239	Henry Müller	No. 15, King-street, Soho ...	Do.	2,100 0 0	850 0 0	Verdict of Jury
17 and 18	Sydney Smirke, Executors of	Nos 7 and 8, Bloomsbury-street	Leasehold	3,250 0 0	2,500 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served.
140	Jane Bush	No. 23, Gt. St. Andrew-street ..	Leasehold & Business	1,254 0 0	700 0 0	Do.
165	A. H. Hunter	No. 73, Dudley-street	Leasehold	1,100 0 0	800 0 0	Do.
16	James Alden (L. P. Burke & Co.)	No. 9, Bloomsbury-street ...	Leasehold & Business	2,200 0 0	1,160 0 0	Do.
129	Rev. Hy. Hanmer ...	No. 20, Broad-street, St Giles'	Freehold	990 0 0	850 0 0	Do.
12	Annie K. Purnell	No. 13, Bloomsbury-street ...	Leasehold & Business	934 0 0	450 0 0	Do.
14	Pole and Humphries...	No. 11, Bloomsbury-street ...	Do.	1,673 0 0	950 0 0	Do.
		Charing-cross to Tottenham-court-road Improvement (Newport-market site).				
91	M. Hawkins	A stable in Princes-row at rear of No. 9, Leicester-street ...	Yearly Tenancy	60 0 0	60 0 0	Architect.
59, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71 85, 92A, 92C	W. Evans	Nos. 17 and 26, Porter-street, and Nos. 11, 13, 19, 2 , 21, 22 and 24, Princes-row ...	Leasehold	3,100 0 0	1,450 0 0	Architect. Jury Notice served.
130	E. Brown	Nos. 9 and 10, Grafton-street...	Do.	600 0 0	522 0 0	Architect.

No. on Plan.	Name of Claimant.	Locality.	Nature of claim.	Amount claimed.	Amount agreed on.	By whom settled.
		Gray's-inn-road Improvement.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
109	D. Hawkins	No. 52, Gray's-inn-road ...	Leasehold & Business	241 0 0	120 0 0	Architect. Demand of possession served.
112	W. Chandler	No. 58, Gray's-inn-road ...	Leasehold	125 0 0	100 0 0	Architect.
165, 166, 188, 189 and 190	G. Collins	Nos. 1, 2, 43, 44, and 45, Verulam-street	Do.	1,640 0 0	1,000 0 0	Do.
84	T. King	No. 21, Bell-court	Freehold	500 0 0	470 0 0	Do.
62, 63, 64, 65, 177 (and 66 and 67, right of way)	Rev. G. J. Scott ...	Sites of Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Bell-alley; and No. 37, Portpool-lane, and interests in Nos. 66 and 67 on Plan	Do.	1,587 0 0	1,200 0 0	Do.
154	Price and Foster ...	No. 6, Queen's Head-court ...	Do.	706 0 0	500 0 0	Do.
208	W. H. Forbes	No 47, Portpool-lane	Yearly Tenancy	44 0 0	25 0 0	Do.
part 56	C. Bradley	Part of No. 48, Gray's-inn-road	Leasehold & Business	195 0 0	175 0 0	Do.
117	R. Clifford	No 55, Baldwin's-gardens ...	Yearly Tenancy and Business	120 0 0	150 0 0	Do.
172	E. Cordwell	"The Goat" Public-house, No. 41, Verulam-street	Leasehold & Business	933 0 0	750 0 0	Do. Jury Notice served.
17	C. W. H. Gee	No. 22, Gray's-inn-road ...	Yearly Tenancy and Business	440 0 0	300 0 0	Architect. Demand of possession served.
211	W. Cousins	No. 41, Portpool-lane	Leasehold & Business	104 0 0	80 0 0	Architect.
Part 155 and 161	F. Sage	Premises in Gray's-inn-road ...	Do.	10,000 0 0	9,250 0 0	Do.
165, 166, 188, 189, and 190	Capt. Randle Jackson	Nos. 1, 2, 43, 44, and 45, Verulam-street	Freehold	2 750 0 0	2,950 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served
177	John Collins	No. 37, Portpool-lane	Leasehold & Business	507 0 0	350 0 0	Do.
		Kentish-town-road Improvement.				
5	Mrs. W. Rawle ...	Part of Forecourt of No. 64, Kentish-town-road	Yearly Tenancy	10 0 0	10 0 0	Architect.
Part 8	D. Dennes	Part of Forecourt of No. 63, Kentish-town-road	Do.	10 0 0	10 0 0	Do.
10 and 11	H. G. Knaggs	Part of Forecourt of No. 72, Kentish-town-road, and No. 74, Kentish-town-road ...	Leasehold	280 0 0	140 0 0	Do.
7	A. Holker	No. 66, Kentish-town-road ...	Do.	750 0 0	700 0 0	Do.
		New Putney Bridge Improvement.				
79	J. Farmer	No. 70, High-street, Putney ...	Leasehold and Business	1,532 14 0	1,000 0 0	Architect Jury notice served
83	C. J. Phillips	The "Red Lion" Public-house, No. 2, High-street, Putney	Do.	930 0 0	400 0 0	Architect
53	J. W. Elvin	Nos. 114 and 116, High-street, Fulham	Leasehold	500 0 0	300 0 0	Do.
17	J. Dacie	No. 3, High-street, Putney ...	Leasehold and Business	3,171 0 0	1,950 0 0	Do. Jury notice served
69	E. R. Kain	Nos. 12 and 14, High-street, Putney	Do.	7,446 10 0	3,500 0 0	Do.
Part 112	W. S. Hammond ...	Part of Ornamental Garden Ground	Leasehold	55 0 0	25 0 0	Architect.
Part 112	H. Thrupp	Do.	Yearly Tenancy	40 0 0	25 0 0	Do.
Part 112	F. Robinson	Do.	Do.	35 0 0	25 0 0	Do.
Part 112	The Hon. Mrs. C. M. Shore	Do.	Do.	40 0 0	25 0 0	Do.
83 and 119	Wm. Chapman ...	"Red Lion" Public-house, and Bridge Wharf, Windsor-street, Putney	Freehold	8,585 0 0	5,650 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served.
		Supplemental Main Drainage (Storm Relief Line, Putney to Clapham).				
17 to 26	D. Mitchell	Nos. 11 to 19 (inclusive), Borrodaile-road, and No. 1, Grove-terrace	Freehold	820 0 0	750 0 0	Architect.
17	W. Holliday	No. 11, Borrodaile-road, formerly No. 11, St. Mary's-cottages	Leasehold	350 0 0	285 0 0	Do.
4 and 5	H. L. Jackson	Pasture land, Merton-road, Wandsworth	Yearly Tenancy	100 0 0	50 0 0	Solicitor. Demand of possession served.
		Tooley-street Improvement (Bermondsey-street to Dean-street).				
23 and 24	Billing and Newman ...	Nos. 184 and part of 185, Tooley-street	Leasehold and Business	3,240 0 0	1,500 0 0	Architect Jury Notice served.
3	Day, Noakes, and Sons	The "Shipwrights' Arms" Public-house, No. 239, Bermondsey-street ...	Do.	903 7 6	450 0 0	Do.
15 and 16	E. Crimp	No. 179, Tooley-street, and No. 3, Union-court, and user of Courtway	Do.	1,689 0 0	1,150 0 0	Architect.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Fairbairn be informed, in reply to his Letter on behalf of the Political Committee of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, asking permission to hold Meetings on Sundays in Southwark-park, that the Board are not prepared to grant the desired permission.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the cost of the widening and improving, by the Hackney District Board, of the Bridge over the New River at Lordship-road, Stoke Newington, on condition that the design be amended in accordance with a Report made by the Engineer of this Board, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £210, being one-half of the cost of carrying out the amended design, and that it be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Engineer, of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute to the Improvement at Hare-street, effected by the Woolwich Local Board of Health, a sum of £285, in addition to the sum of £3,420 mentioned in this Board's Resolution of the 7th November, 1879, making a total contribution of £3,705 towards the cost of the Improvement.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to putting in force the provisions of the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866, with regard to Streatham-common, be approved, and that it be referred to the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee to consider and report on the draft Scheme for the management and control of the Common, and also the Memorial to the Inclosure Commissioners, prepared by the Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the reference made to the Solicitor with respect to the conditional permission granted by the Board to Mr. Denham, to make an experiment at Crossness Pumping Station with his method of treating Sewage, be discharged, and that no further action be taken in the matter.

12. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 24th July, 1883.

The Chief Officer has called the attention of your Committee to the desirability of the Board instituting a Medal for good conduct and long service in the Fire Brigade. He is of opinion that such a Medal would be much valued by the recipients, that it would be an object of desire on the part of the men generally, and would have some effect towards retaining them in the service. The Board is aware that a silver Medal is now given to men who distinguish themselves by great bravery at fires, and by exposing themselves to unusual risk and danger in the discharge of their duty. This Medal can, in the nature of things, only be obtained by comparatively few, whereas the proposed Medal for long service and good conduct would, it is hoped, be merited, and received by a much larger number Your Committee are of opinion, after careful consideration, that it might be well for the Board to institute a Medal such as is now suggested by the Chief Officer. They accordingly recommend—

That the Board do institute a Medal for long service and good conduct in the Fire Brigade, and that the Medal be given to every man who shall have served 15 years in the Brigade, with zeal and fidelity, and against whom no offence shall have been established.

That the Medal be of bronze, to distinguish it from the silver one which is given for bravery ; that the figurative representation on the obverse side be the same as that of the Silver Medal ; and that the reverse side do bear the words "For long service and good conduct."

That the distribution of the Medals do take place once a year, at the same time and in the same way as the Medals for bravery, unless in any case there may be special circumstances rendering some other course expedient.

Your Committee have to report that Second-class Fireman William E. Mills, and Fourth-class Fireman, Tom Miller, have withdrawn from the service, and that their names have accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Fourth-class Fireman Patrick Reardon has been reported to your Committee for drunkenness and abusive language to an Officer. They recommend—

That he be dismissed from the service.

Your Committee have also to recommend, in order to bring the various ranks to the strength authorised by the Board, that the following promotions be made, viz. :—

First-class Fireman James Beer, to the rank of Engineer ; Second-class Firemen, John Smith, Sen., Isaiah T. Johnson and John H. Dickens, to the First Class ; Third-class Firemen Elias J. Blampied, William T. Baker, John S. Churcher, Charles W. Cathrall, William T. Emanuel, Samuel G. P. Heath, and William J. Katesmark to the Second Class : Fourth-class Firemen David Jenkins, John Smith, Jun., Augustus A. Perceval, Walter J. Smith, John Heath, Samuel Todd, James G. Smith, George A. Bettinson, William C. Kimble, and Albert Inch to the Third Class.

Your Committee further recommend—

That Henry Beardwell, John Oliver, Henry S. Peat, John E. Dickie, and Carl A. E. Heimbeck be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen to fill vacancies.

Your Committee have also to report, for the information of the Board, that some works of alteration and repair being required at the Waterloo-road Station, they have accepted the Tender of Messrs. Smith Brothers, to do the works for the sum of £245..

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W. J. WETENHALL,
GEORGE HILL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—

That the Board do institute a Medal for long service and good conduct in the Fire Brigade, and that the Medal be given to every man who shall have served 15 years in the Brigade, with zeal and fidelity, and against whom no offence shall have been established.

That the Medal be of bronze, to distinguish it from the silver one which is given for bravery ; that the figurative representation on the obverse side be the same as that of the Silver Medal ; and that the reverse side do bear the words, "For long service and good conduct."

That the distribution of the Medals do take place once a year, at the same time and in the same way as the Medals for bravery, unless in any case there may be special circumstances rendering some other course expedient.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Fourth-class Fireman Patrick Reardon be dismissed for misconduct.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the following promotions be made, viz.—First-class Fireman James Beer to the rank of Engineer ; Second-class Firemen John Smith, Sen., Isaiah T. Johnson, and John H. Dickens to the First Class ; Third-class Firemen Elias J. Blampied, William T. Baker, John S. Churcher, Charles W. Cathrall, William T. Emanuel, Samuel G. P. Heath, and William J. Katesmark to the Second Class ; and Fourth-class Firemen David Jenkins, John Smith, Jun., Augustus A. Perceval, Walter J. Smith, John Heath, Samuel Todd, James G. Smith, George A. Bettinson, William C. Kimble, and Albert Inch to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Henry Beardwell, John Oliver, Henry S. Peat, John E. Dickie, and Carl A. E. Heimbeck be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

13. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 24th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have conferred, through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner of the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, upon the question of the alterations necessary for remedying the structural defects of that building. The requisitions of the Board's draft Notice were Twelve in number, as appears in their Minutes of the 15th ultimo (No. 7). With regard to the first of the requisitions, for the erection of a proper proscenium wall, your Committee are of opinion that the number of openings in such wall may be increased, agreeably to the Owner's request, provided they are all closed with iron doors of approved construction. It is also desired to retain the use of the rooms over the auditorium and the stage for the storage of properties, and your Committee see no objection to that course, subject to the protection of the floor, as in the case of the Royal Italian Opera House, Covent-garden, with wrought-iron plates. Your Committee consider it desirable to define, with greater precision, the height of the parapet walls referred to in the Third requisition, and the works to be done, under the two following requisitions, in connection with certain dressing-rooms near the stage. The Seventh requisition, providing for the formation of a gangway three feet wide around every part of the stalls, has been strongly objected to by the Owner, as involving an unreasonable sacrifice of income, and your Committee are of opinion, after receiving a special Report by your Superintending Architect on the question, that sufficient space for the movement of the public in that part of the house may be obtained by the removal of two stalls, and the alteration of thirty-two others. With regard to the door-ways at the rear of the stage, your Committee consider it desirable that they should all be increased in width, but that the Tenth requisition need not specify that they are to be made available for the escape of the audience. The suggestion of the Owner that the Board's last requisition should require the external doors only to be made to open outwards may, in the opinion of your Committee, be accepted. The Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Eleventh requisitions have been agreed to by the Owner, who is desirous of carrying out the necessary works during the month of August. Your Committee, as the result of the conference, have now to report that they are of opinion that a revised Notice, containing the following requisitions, should be served upon the Owner—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up of the full thickness to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that not more than eight openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening; that such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the floor over the auditorium and the stage be covered with wrought-iron plates, not less than one-eighth of an inch in thickness, well screwed down to the floor, and fitted with butt joints, to the satisfaction of the Board; and that the wooden ventilator on the roof be removed, and a metal one substituted.

3.—That the parapet walls on the North and South sides of the Theatre be raised to the height of 3 feet above the eaves of the roof, and that such walls be

continued of a similar height above the gables, the height in the latter case to be measured at right angles to the slope of the roof.

4.—That the opening in the North external wall of the Theatre, near Mr. Bancroft's dressing-room, be bricked up; that a wrought-iron door, not less than one quarter of an inch thick in the panel, in a wrought-iron frame, be fixed to the door-way in the North external wall, leading from Mr. Bancroft's room to the auditorium; and that the staircase and landing to the dressing-rooms be enclosed with fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

5.—That the dressing-rooms at the rear of the stage be enclosed with brick-work, or other fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board, and do have floors constructed of fire-resisting materials, to be also approved by the Board.

6.—That the wooden enclosures under the stage be removed.

7.—That the stalls Nos. 45 and 60 be removed; that the arms of the stalls Nos. 129 to 160, inclusive, be removed, and that such stalls do have folding seats, to rise automatically when not in use.

8.—That the concrete doors on the stage be removed, and be re-placed with doors of wrought-iron, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

9.—That the skylight over the scene-dock at the rear of No. 18, Suffolk-street be protected by a strong iron wire guard.

10.—That the door-ways at the back of the stage, leading into Suffolk-street, and the passages to the same, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches, and that the doors be make to open outwards.

11.—That stout handrails be provided on both sides of all staircases and flights of steps exceeding 3 feet 6 inches in width, where not already provided.

12.—That all external doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

Your Committee recommend—

That a Notice embodying the above requirements, and specifying two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

The Board, on the 29th ultimo (No. 10), directed that a Letter be sent to the Owners of the Adelphi Theatre, informing them that the Board would be unable to consent to any further adjournment, beyond four weeks from the 28th June, of the Summons obtained against the Owners for failing to complete, within six months from the 21st June, 1882, the structural alterations specified in the Board's Notice. It appears from a statement made to your Committee by your Superintending Architect, that the alterations are still unfinished, and, under these circumstances, your Committee have instructed him to inform your Solicitor on the 26th instant, that being the day fixed for the hearing of the adjourned Summons, whether the works have been completed; and, in the event of that not being the case, your Solicitor will proceed, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 29th ultimo (No. 10), for the penalties to which the Owners have rendered themselves liable under the 11th Section of the Act of 1878.

Your Committee have also to report that they have carefully considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Imperial Theatre, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The Theatre forms part of an extensive range of buildings known as the "Royal Aquarium," and is situate on the North side of Tothill-street, Westminster, at the corner of Dartmouth-street. The building, which is of an irregular shape on Plan, is about 144 feet long, by an average width of 71 feet.

The auditorium is 59 feet wide between the walls, and 59 feet deep from the front of the proscenium to the inside of the front wall next Tothill-street. The entrances for the public are in Tothill-street, those to the stalls and the dress circle being at the South-West angle, and those to the upper circle and the gallery at the South-East angle of the premises. The stage entrance is in Dartmouth-street. The Theatre is connected with the Aquarium by an opening in the East wall, such opening being closed by a sliding iron door. The total number of persons that can be accommodated in the Theatre is about 1,370. Your Committee have had before them, in dealing with the question, the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade upon the Theatre, referred by the Board on the 4th August last (No. 15), and also the Report of your Superintending Architect, containing suggestions for the improvement of the building. The Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee have made a thorough inspection of the premises, and your Committee having received their Report on the subject, have arrived at the conclusion that the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the present partition over the proscenium be removed, and that the proscenium wall be carried up in brickwork, 14 inches thick, to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof, and that the opening in the proscenium wall above the ceiling of the auditorium be closed by a wrought-iron door, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself.

2.—That the pier on the East side of the opening between the stall and dress circle entrance and the principal staircase be removed, and the flooring made good.

3.—That an additional exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials, be provided from the stalls on the West side, with a door-way leading into Dartmouth-street.

4.—That the Westernmost door-way between the pit and the pit refreshment bar be stopped up, and the wood steps in the bar removed; that a new door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the partition dividing the pit from the refreshment bar at the South-West angle of the pit; and that an incline be formed in the floor of the gangway on the West side of the pit.

5.—That the enclosures to the pit entrance lobby and the pit pay-box be removed.

6.—That a gangway 3 feet wide be formed down the centre of the pit.

7.—That the corridors to the private boxes on the dress circle level be made 3 feet 6 inches wide; and that the steps between the staircase lobby and the corridor upon the prompt side be removed, and an inclined plane substituted.

8.—That the partitions on the East and West sides of the dress circle be removed.

9.—That the partition on the East side of the upper circle be removed.

10.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed on each side of the gallery, with steps of an easy rise.

11.—That two wooden staircases, each 3 feet wide, be provided on the stage for access to the flies.

12.—That the cellars under the pit be separated from the Theatre premises by proper party structures.

13.—That the iron shutters in the two openings in the wall, between the stage and the dressing-room corridor at the rear, be removed, and be re-placed by wrought iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, in

wrought-iron frames, hung in two folds, to fold back into the reveals of the door-way, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

14.—That the door leading to the dress circle on the O. P. side of the house be re-hung so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

15.—That the handrails and balusters of the principal staircase be properly stayed.

16.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

17.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

Your Committee recommend—

That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

Your Committee have further to report that they have carefully considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Olympic Theatre, Wych-street, Strand, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The site upon which the Theatre stands is of an irregular shape, but it enjoys the advantage of being detached on three sides from adjacent buildings. The Theatre is bounded upon the North and East by Maypole-alley, on the South by Wych-street, and on the West by houses on the East side of Craven-buildings. The Theatre proper is about 94 feet long, by an average width of 54 feet. The auditorium is about 54 feet wide, by a depth of 56 feet. The stage is about 38 feet deep and 54 feet wide. The total number of persons for whom accommodation is provided is nearly 1,500. The principal entrances are in Wych-street. The pit and the gallery entrances are in Maypole-alley, on the East side of the Theatre, and the stage entrance is in the same thoroughfare, on the North side of the building. The house No. 13, Craven-buildings, and portions of the houses Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Wych-street, are used as dressing-rooms in connection with the Theatre. Your Committee have had before them the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade upon the Theatre, referred by the Board on the 4th August last (No. 15), and the Letter of Mr. C. J. Phipps, containing observations upon that Report, referred on the 13th October last (No. 51). Having received the Report of the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee, who have viewed the premises, and having also considered the suggestions of your Superintending Architect with respect to the improvements requisite for securing the safety of the public, your Committee beg to report that they are of opinion that the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up of the full thickness to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that not more than three openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening; that no openings be formed in such wall above the level of the stage; and that all openings in such wall be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the principal staircase be re-constructed; that the steps and

landings be formed of solid York or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed on all sides by brick walls not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling over formed of fire-resisting materials.

3.—That the present gallery staircase be re-constructed, and be of similar width and construction to the staircase described in the preceding paragraph.

4.—That an additional staircase be provided to the gallery at the South-East angle of the Theatre premises, and that such staircase be of similar width and construction to the staircase described in Requisition No. 2.

5.—That the staircase on the stage be removed, and a new wood staircase not less than 3 feet 6 inches wide provided in its stead.

6.—That an additional exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and enclosed upon all sides by fire-resisting materials, be provided from the stalls on the South side of the Theatre, leading directly into Wych-street; and that a door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the external wall on the North side of the Theatre, leading into Maypole-alley, to form an exit from the stalls and private boxes on such North side.

7.—That the exit door-ways on the North and South sides of the pit, leading into Maypole-alley, be increased in width to 4 feet 6 inches, and that the enclosures to the lobby to the door on the South side of the pit be removed.

8.—That the pit refreshment bar be removed, and be re-fixed in a more convenient position, so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

9.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed around every part of the pit.

10.—That the basement under the auditorium be separated from the auditorium by a floor constructed of fire-resisting material.

11.—That the partition enclosing the passage-way from the flies to the scene-painters' room, on the gallery level, be removed, and that a wall be built to divide the gallery from the existing staircase next Wych-street.

12.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed around every part of the gallery, and that two gangways, each 3 feet wide, with steps of an easy rise, and leading directly to the staircases, be formed between the seats.

13.—That the gallery refreshment bar and the refreshment store be removed, and placed in more convenient positions.

14.—That the six rows of seats in the South-East angle of the gallery be removed.

15.—That access be provided from the balcony to the new gallery staircases on both sides of the house.

16.—That all the dressing-rooms be lighted and ventilated from the external air; and that a proper staircase, communicating directly with Wych-street, be provided for the dressing-rooms on the South side of the Theatre.

17.—That all openings between the Theatre proper and the houses in Wych-street and Craven-buildings, be stopped up with brick-work, or be closed with wrought-iron doors in wrought-iron frames; and that the Theatre premises be separated from all adjoining premises, vertically by party walls, and horizontally by party structures.

18.—That the basement windows next the street be filled in with stout wire gauze.

19.—That all soft metal gas-pipes be removed, and be re-placed by iron pipes.

20.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by strong wire guards.

21.—That hand-rails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

22.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

Your Committee recommend—

That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

Your Committee have likewise had under consideration the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the National Standard Theatre, Shoreditch High-street, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The building is about 126 feet long, by an average width of 64 feet. It has five entrances for the public, those to the principal parts of the house being in Shoreditch High-street, and those to the pit, the pit stalls, and the gallery being in George-street, on the South side of the building. The total number of persons that can be seated in all parts of the house is stated to be about 2,800, but probably a much larger number can be accommodated. Your Committee have considered the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade upon the Theatre, referred by the Board on the 4th August last (No. 15), and also the Letter from Mr. C. J. Phipps, on behalf of the Owner, transmitting observations on such Report, referred on the 29th September last (No. 78). Drawings of the Theatre have been prepared by your Superintending Architect, and also a Report relative to the improvements which are required to ensure the safety of the public. The premises have recently been inspected by the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee, and your Committee have now to report that they are of opinion that the following alterations of a structural character are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up, of the full thickness, to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that the existing wing walls be permitted to be utilised, so far as they are serviceable, in the construction of the proscenium wall; that not more than three openings, each opening not exceeding three feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall exclusive of the proscenium opening; that no openings be formed above the level of the stage; and that all openings in such wall be closed with wrought-iron doors not less than one quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the Theatre be separated from all adjoining premises used as dwelling-rooms, stores, or for any purpose other than that of the Theatre, vertically by brick walls, and horizontally by proper party structures, and that all openings between the Theatre and such adjoining premises be stopped up with brick-work, in cement, the full thickness of the walls in which such openings are situated.

3.—That the pit-stall entrance out of George-street, be made 6 feet wide throughout, and be separated from the entrance to the dwelling-house adjoining on the East, by a brick wall 9 inches thick, and do have a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

4.—That the staircase from the balcony to the upper circle, and the pass

staircase from the dress circle to the upper circle, be re-built; that the steps and landings of such staircases be constructed of solid tooled York, or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

5.—That the staircase from the ground floor to the lower circle be re-built in a similar manner to the staircases described in the preceding paragraph.

6.—That a brick wall, 9 inches thick, be built on the North side of the staircase to the upper circle, to separate such staircase from the wardrobe and saloon adjoining; and that the gallery at the head of the lower circle staircase be enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials.

7.—That the subterranean tunnel under the pit be blocked up; and that the wooden staircases leading to the same be removed, and the flooring made good.

8.—That a new entrance, enclosed on all sides with fire-resisting materials, be provided to the pit stalls on the West side of the Theatre.

9.—That a new entrance and staircase be provided to the gallery on the West side of the Theatre; and that such entrance and staircase be not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and be of similar construction to that described in Requisition No. 4.

10.—That the passage-way between the houses, Nos. 57 and 58, Holywell-lane, be cleared of all obstructions, and be made available as a means of exit; and that the opening in the wall on the West side be stopped up with brickwork, the full thickness of such wall, and the passage separated from the premises under and over by floors of fire-resisting materials.

11.—That the carriage-way adjoining the North London Railway be cleared of all obstructions, and be made available as a means of exit; that the openings in the walls be bricked up; and that such carriage-way be separated from the premises over by a floor of fire-resisting materials.

12.—That the scene dock on the West side of the Theatre be separated from the North London Railway premises by brick walls not less than 9 inches thick

13.—That the pit refreshment-bar and the pay-box adjoining be removed.

14.—That a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the orchestra stalls, pit stalls, and pit.

15.—That a similar space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the upper circle.

16.—That a similar space be formed around every part of the gallery; that the seats in the angles of the gallery be removed; and that two gangways, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of an easy rise, be formed in the gallery, with stout handrails at the lower end of each gangway next the gallery front.

17.—That the doors in the side walls of the entrance corridors out of Shoreditch High-street be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

18.—That the doors to the private boxes be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the gangway.

19.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

20.—That all skylights be protected by stout iron wire guards.

21.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

In order that effect may be given to these views, your Committee recommend—

That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

The Board on the 13th instant (No. 74), referred to your Committee the application of Mr. F. Fowler, Jun., on behalf of Mr. J. Chard, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of certain additions to Brixton-hall, in Acre-lane, Brixton. A Certificate in respect of the building was granted on the 19th November, 1880 (No. 68), and Drawings, showing certain proposed additions thereto, were approved on the 17th November last (No. 13). The object of the present application is to supersede the designs approved on the latter date, and in lieu thereof to obtain the Board's consent to certain additions of a more extensive character. These include the lengthening of the large Hall, and the formation of a gallery at its end, so as to make it accommodate 900 persons; the erection at its side of a Masonic-hall to accommodate 290 persons; the construction of a lodge-room and ante-room in the basement; and of a music-room and kitchen on the first floor. The approach to the gallery will be by a new entrance, 6 feet in width, also leading to the back of the large Hall, and to the Masonic-hall. The stairs to the gallery and to the music-room will be of stone. The door-ways between the two Halls are proposed to be closed by iron shutters, for which, however, in the opinion of your Committee, iron doors should be substituted. Subject to this, and a few other alterations, your Committee are of opinion that the proposed additions may receive the sanction of the Board. They therefore recommend—

That the application be granted on the following conditions—

1—That the gallery be separated from the rooms under by a ceiling of fire-resisting materials.

2—That hand-rails be fixed on both sides of the staircases.

3—That the door-ways between the Hall and the Masonic-hall be provided with iron doors, in lieu of revolving iron shutters; and that the iron doors be one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung in two folds, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

4—That all skylights in the building be protected by strong iron guards.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. R. S. Gowland, Office of Works, &c., stating that the First Commissioner had appointed Sir H. A. Hunt, C.B., to be the Arbitrator to hear and determine the Appeal in the case of Gatti's Music-hall, referred by the Board on the 8th ultimo (No. 26). Your Committee, having had before them a Report by your Solicitor stating that there appeared to be only one point in dispute between the Board and the Owners of the Hall, instructed your Superintending Architect to confer with the Owners' Surveyor with a view to its settlement, without the expense of proceeding with the Arbitration. The point in question related to the construction of the steps and landings of the staircases, as specified in the first of the Board's seven requisitions. A conference accordingly took place between your Superintending Architect and the advisers of the Owners, but it is evident to your Committee, who have had before them a Letter from Messrs. Fladgate, Smith and Fladgate, dated 14th July, 1883, which practically re-opens the whole question, that it will be necessary to obtain the official decision of the Arbitrator with reference to the works that are necessary in the interest of the public safety. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That Messrs. Fladgate, Smith and Fladgate be informed that the Board are unable to assent to any departure from the requisitions in their Notice, and that the matter in dispute must therefore be referred to the Arbitrator appointed to hear and determine the Appeal: and that the Solicitor be instructed and authorised to retain Counsel and Witnesses for supporting the requirements of the Board before the Arbitrator.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. C. H. Baker, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of a Hall already erected at the rear of the Church Institute, in Wiseton-road, Upper Tooting, referred by the Board on the 13th instant (No. 75). The Drawings deposited by the applicant are insufficient, and the details of the construction are not clearly shown. The Hall appears to be about 77 feet long, with a stage at one end and a gallery approached by a ladder, at the other end. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee beg to submit herewith five Reports which they have received from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates' Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the works ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

No. 140, Tooley-street, St. Olave, Southwark.

No. 8, Loughborough-street, Lambeth.

No. 52, Weymouth-street, St. Marylebone.

No. 21, Whitcomb-street, St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

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Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Boulnois and Warner, on behalf of Mr. F. N. Charrington, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building, with one-storey shops, between Nos. 29 and 33, Mile-end-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 13th instant (No. 60). The applicants propose to give up the strip of ground in front of the buildings, so as to make the pavement nearly the same width along the frontage. Your Superintending Architect recommends the application for approval; and your Committee having heard the parties interested, are of opinion that it may properly receive the sanction of the Board. They therefore recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space in front of the proposed buildings and of the gateway entrance adjoining, coloured Blue on the Plan, be given up and added to the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

The Board, on Friday last (No. 52), referred to your Committee the application of Messrs. Bird and Walters, on behalf of Mr. J. Wallond, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a two-storey addition at the rear of the "Medina" Public-house in Seven Sisters'-road, Islington abutting on Medina-grove, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposed two-storey addition will be erected over the yard at the back of the Public-house. The Vestry offer no opposition, and the adjoining owner and occupier, who were at first opposed to the application, have now waived their objections. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. W. M. Teulon, on behalf of the Rev. Canon Spence, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Mission-house on the North side of Lancing-street, St. Pancras, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 62). A small portion of the proposed building will be brought out 2 feet 3 inches in advance of the adjoining houses in Lancing-street. Your Committee

concur in the opinion expressed by the Vestry that the proposal may be sanctioned by the Board, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Gibbs and Flew, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the East side of Margravine-road, Fulham, adjoining the Metropolitan District Railway, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 65). The proposed roads are intended to connect Margravine-road with two other roads, which were lately sanctioned by the Board, but which are not yet formed. Your Committee think the proposal, as shown on the present Plan, unsatisfactory, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. E. C. Chester, on behalf of Mrs. D. Keatch, and Mr. R. M. Hiscocks, on behalf of Mr. J. Mossop, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road between Burntwood-lane and Garratt-lane, Wandsworth, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 69). This is an application on behalf of two landowners who propose to form a new road to open up their respective properties. Your Committee see no objection to the proposal, and the Wandsworth District Board offer no opposition to the formation of the road. It will, however, be necessary for the parties concerned to prove to the satisfaction of your Solicitor that they have legal power to carry out their undertaking. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and also on condition that the applicants do satisfy the Solicitor as to their ownership of the land; and that the name "Franche-court-road, S.W.," be approved for the road.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. L. Jones, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the extension of Wycliffe-road, Lavender-hill, Battersea, and of the name "Wycliffe-road, S.W.," in continuation, for the same, referred by the Board on the 25th May last (No. 89). The formation of the proposed road will entail the demolition of some old buildings, and the applicant states that their removal at the present time would involve him in pecuniary loss. He accordingly requests the Board to sanction the Plan, upon an understanding that the buildings shall be taken down in November next. Your Committee, however, think it inexpedient to comply with the request, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have had before them a Letter from Mr. T. H. Watson, District Surveyor, asking the Board to afford him legal assistance at the adjourned hearing, on the 19th July, of a Summons taken out by him relative to the covering with Asphalte of a flat roof at No. 4, Half Moon-street, Piccadilly. The subject was considered by the Board on the 13th instant, when your Solicitor was authorised to afford Mr. Watson such legal assistance as might be deemed advisable. The Summons was taken out by the District Surveyor, under Section 19 of the Building Act, for not constructing a roof of incombustible materials, and at the hearing on the 19th instant it appeared that the roof was constructed of Asphalte laid upon concrete. Evidence was given that the material was incombustible, and was constantly used for covering roofs, and it appeared that Mr. Watson had himself sanctioned it for use at the adjoining house. The Magistrate dismissed the Summons, finding that the material was incombustible; and your Committee beg to report the facts of the case for the information of the Board.

Your Committee have also had before them a Report by your Solicitor, relative to an application made by Mr. Willis, District Surveyor, for legal assistance in reference to houses in Dyer's-lane, Upper Richmond-road, Putney. Your Solicitor has informed

your Committee that application was made to him by the District Surveyor to render him assistance with reference to those houses, which were being erected with wooden balconies, contrary to the 26th Section of the Act 18 and 19 Vict., cap. 122, and that the Magistrate, after hearing the facts, ordered that the balconies should be removed within fourteen days. Your Committee report the fact for the information of the Board.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter from the Vestry of Lambeth, stating that houses were being erected on ground near Stockwell-road, without authority from the Board or the Vestry, and requesting the Board to commence, as soon as possible, the proceedings determined upon by them in January last, with a view to obtaining a decision as to the power given by the Act to the Board and the Local Authorities to control the erection of unauthorised buildings, referred by the Board on the 14th October, 1881 (No. 30). In this case your Solicitor took proceedings against the builder for not giving direct communication between two streets, and the Magistrate dismissed the Summons, on the ground that notice of the builder's intention to lay out the street had been given before the Amendment Act was passed. Your Solicitor has advised your Committee that any further proceedings would prove abortive, and they recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Mr. T. E. Knightley, District Surveyor, stating that houses were in course of erection in a road forming an extension of Tunis-road, Uxbridge-road, Hammersmith, without the sanction of the Board, referred by the Board on the 20th April last (No. 41). In this case your Solicitor served a Penal Notice upon the builder, who has since become bankrupt. Your Solicitor has advised your Committee that no further proceedings should be taken in the matter, and they recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have had before them a Letter from Mr. H. H. Collins, District Surveyor, relative to the cubical contents of certain buildings in course of erection in Tower-street, and asking for legal assistance in the matter, referred by the Board on the 20th April last (No. 48). Your Committee instructed your Solicitor to render legal assistance to Mr. Collins, and the case was heard before Mr. Alderman Waterlow, who said that although the question had properly been raised, the Summons must be dismissed, as the building was used in part for the purposes of trade. Your Committee agree with your Solicitor in thinking it inexpedient to appeal against that decision, and they recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. V. J. Grose, District Surveyor, relative to an alleged irregular erection on the forecourt of No. 72, High-street, Camden-town, referred by the Board on the 16th February last (No. 52). In this case a Summons was taken out by your Solicitor, but at the hearing it was proved by the Defendants that the whole of the erection had been built before the passing of the Amendment Act, and the Magistrate accordingly dismissed the Summons, but without costs. Your Committee recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have further to report that they have received from your Solicitor a Report on the general question of the legal assistance to be rendered by him when desired by the District Surveyors. Your Solicitor has informed your Committee that he is frequently called upon at very short notice to give legal assistance at the Police-courts on matters which have practically been already decided by the Magistrates; and he suggests that, unless in cases of exceptional emergency, the District Surveyors should

be requested to furnish him with full particulars of the respective cases, to be laid before your Committee for their instructions. Your Committee concur in the view expressed by your Solicitor, and they submit his Report, and recommend—

That it be approved and adopted.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. H. A. Hunt, Jun., for approval by the Board of the erection of three houses on the North side of Ralston-street, Chelsea, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, without open spaces at the rear, as required by the Act, referred by the Board on the 29th ultimo (No. 85). The applicant states that he is precluded from providing yards at the rear of these houses until Christmas, 1886, when the Lease of Durham House falls in, at which time he undertakes, on behalf of Earl Cadogan, that the necessary open spaces shall be formed. Your Committee think that the application may be approved on this understanding, and they accordingly recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the applicant do enter into an Agreement, to be approved by the Solicitor, undertaking to form the necessary open spaces, as shown on the Plan, when the Lease of the vacant land adjoining falls in at Christmas, 1886.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. E. D. Hook, on behalf of Mr. J. Percival, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an open verandah on the first floor level of No. 7A, Eaton-square, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 13th instant (No. 64). The applicant proposes to erect a corrugated iron roof, supported on iron standards, so as to form a covering to the existing balcony of No. 7A, Eaton-square. The Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, offer no objection to the application ; and your Committee recommend—

That it be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered, enclosed, or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have had under consideration a Notice from Messrs. Chandler and Sons, of their intention to erect buildings on the East side of Vauxhall-street, and on the North side of Kennington-oval, at the corner of Vauxhall-street, in the position and to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying such Notice, referred by the Board on the 13th instant (No. 70). On the 21st March last, the Board approved of the erection of a building for the present applicants, who now propose to continue the line of building in Vauxhall-street, and to give up to the public the ground coloured Blue on the Plan. The applicants also propose to erect buildings, as shown on the Plan, on the North side of Kennington-oval. Your Committee recommend—

That the Plan referred to in the Notice be approved, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed buildings in Vauxhall-street from the public way, be given up and added to the public way.

The Board on Friday last (No. 48) referred to your Committee the application of Mr. B. Donkin, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 55 to 65 (odd numbers only), Southwark-park-road, Bermondsey, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposed shops will be brought out to a line 8 feet 2 inches in advance of No. 55, Southwark-park road, and 8 feet 9 inches in advance of No. 65. The Vestry of Bermondsey offer no objection to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shops from the public way, be given up and added to the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. T. Donkin, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos.

67 to 77 (odd numbers only), Southwark-park-road, Bermondsey, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 49). The shops will be in continuation of those referred to in the last-mentioned application, and will project 8 feet 9 inches at the West end, and 9 feet 4 inches at the East end beyond the general line of buildings. The Vestry of Bermondsey offer no objection, and your Committee recommend—

> That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shops from the public way, be given up and added to such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also considered the amended application of Mr. T. Greenwood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Mission-hall in Perry-rise, at the corner of Perry-hill, Lewisham, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 54). The amended Plan submitted by the applicant shows the front of the proposed Hall set back within the general line of houses on the East side of Perry-rise, and the corner of the porch is to be brought out to the line of bay windows in that thoroughfare. Your Committee recommend—

> That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the land next Perry-rise, coloured Blue on the Plan, be given up and added to the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

The Board on Friday last (No. 56) referred to your Committee the amended application of Mr. J. M. Anderson, on behalf of Colonel Blundell, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an iron and glass porch upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 10, Stratton-street, Piccadilly, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application. The porch is somewhat similar to that at the adjoining house, No. 12. The Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, and the adjoining Owner, offer no objection, and your Committee recommend—

> That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board : and also on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. A. C. W. Hobman, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the West side of Ilderton-road, Hatcham, between the Grand Surrey Canal and the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 66). The land is approached from the West side from a neighbouring Estate, now being rapidly developed, and the two approaches will pass under arches of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, 30 feet in width, which have been provided for the purpose. The roads are of the full width of 40 feet, and the Greenwich District Board offer no objection. Your Committee recommend—

> That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Senegal-road, S.E.," "Zampa-road, S.E.," "Erlam-street, S.E.," "Stockholm-road, S.E.," "Bolina-road, S.E.," and "Haydock-road, S.E.," be approved for the same.

In accordance with the reference by the Board on Friday last (No. 53), your Committee have considered the application of Messrs. Porter and Abraham, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses and one-storey shops on the South side of Hanley-road, at the corner of Regina-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. It appears from the Plan submitted by the applicants that they propose to erect a house with a forecourt abutting upon Regina-

road, and in advance of the general line of buildings in that thoroughfare. Your Committee, considering the proposal objectionable, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
DONALD MUNRO,
A. EWIN.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, be approved, and that, with a view to remedying the structural defects of the building, a revised Notice, containing the following Requisitions, be served upon the Owner thereof—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up of the full thickness to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that not more than eight openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening; that such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the floor over the auditorium and the stage be covered with wrought-iron plates, not less than one-eighth of an inch in thickness, well screwed down to the floor, and fitted with butt joints, to the satisfaction of the Board; and that the wooden ventilator on the roof be removed, and a metal one substituted.

3.—That the parapet walls on the North and South sides of the Theatre be raised to the height of 3 feet above the eaves of the roof, and that such walls be continued of a similar height above the gables, the height in the latter case to be measured at right angles to the slope of the roof.

4.—That the opening in the North external wall of the Theatre, near Mr. Bancroft's dressing-room, be bricked up; that a wrought-iron door, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, in a wrought-iron frame be fixed to the door-way in the North external wall, leading from Mr. Bancroft's room to the auditorium; and that the staircase and landing to the dressing-rooms be enclosed with fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

5.—That the dressing-rooms at the rear of the stage be enclosed with brickwork, or other fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board, and do have floors constructed of fire-resisting materials, to be also approved by the Board.

6.—That the wooden enclosures under the stage be removed.

7.—That the stalls Nos. 45 and 60 be removed; that the arms of the stalls Nos. 129 to 160 inclusive be removed, and that such stalls do have folding seats, to rise automatically when not in use.

8.—That the concrete doors on the stage be removed, and be re-placed with doors of wrought-iron, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close themselves.

9.—That the skylight over the scene-dock at the rear of No, 18, Suffolk-street, be protected by a strong iron wire guard.

10.—That the door-ways at the back of the stage, leading into Suffolk-street, and the passages to the same, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches, and that the doors be made to open outwards.

11.—That stout handrails be provided on both sides of all staircases and flights of steps exceeding 3 feet 6 inches in width, where not already provided.

12.—That all external doors to the building be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Imperial Theatre, in Tothill-street, Westminster, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved; and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the present partition over the proscenium be removed, and that the proscenium wall be carried up in brickwork, 14 inches thick, to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof, and that the opening in the proscenium wall above the ceiling of the auditorium be closed by a wrought-iron door, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself.

2.—That the pier on the East side of the opening between the stall and dress circle entrance and the principal staircase be removed, and the flooring made good.

3.—That an additional exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials, be provided from the stalls on the West side, with a door-way leading into Dartmouth-street.

4.—That the Westernmost door-way between the pit and the pit refreshment bar be stopped up, and the wood steps in the bar removed; that a new door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the partition dividing the pit from the refreshment bar at the South-West angle of the pit; and that an incline be formed in the floor of the gangway on the West-side of the pit.

5.—That the enclosures to the pit entrance lobby and the pit pay-box be removed.

6.—That a gangway 3 feet wide be formed down the centre of the pit.

7.—That the corridors to the private boxes on the dress circle level be made 3 feet 6 inches wide; and that the steps between the staircase lobby and the corridor upon the prompt side be removed, and an inclined plane substituted.

8.—That the partitions on the East and West sides of the dress circle be removed.

9.—That the partition on the East side of the upper circle be removed.

10.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed on each side of the gallery, with steps of an easy rise.

11.—That two wooden staircases, each 3 feet wide, be provided on the stage, for access to the flies.

12.—That the cellars under the pit be separated from the Theatre premises by proper party structures.

13.—That the iron shutters in the two openings in the wall, between the stage and the dressing-room corridor at the rear, be removed, and be re-placed by wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung in two folds, to fold back into the reveals of the door-way, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

14.—That the door leading to the dress circle on the O. P. side of the house be re-hung so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

15.—That the handrails and balusters of the principal staircase be properly stayed.

16.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

17.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner of the premises, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly, or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions; and that the Committee do report further to the Board on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Olympic Theatre, in Wych-street, Strand, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved, and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up of the full thickness to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that not more than three openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening; that no openings be formed in such wall above the level of the stage; and that all openings in such wall be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the principal staircase be re-constructed; that the steps and landings be formed of solid York, or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed on all sides by brick walls not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling over formed of fire-resisting materials.

3.—That the present gallery staircase be re-constructed, and be of similar width and construction to the staircase described in the preceding paragraph.

4.—That an additional staircase be provided to the gallery at the South-East

angle of the Theatre premises, and that such staircase be of similar width and construction to the staircase described in Requisition No. 2.

5.—That the staircase on the stage be removed, and a new wood staircase, not less than 3 feet 6 inches wide, provided in its stead.

6.—That an additional exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and enclosed upon all sides by fire-resisting materials, be provided from the stalls on the South side of the Theatre, leading directly into Wych-street; and that a door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the external wall on the North side of the Theatre, leading into Maypole-alley, to form an exit from the stalls and private boxes on such North side.

7.—That the exit door-ways on the North and South sides of the pit, leading into Maypole-alley, be increased in width to 4 feet 6 inches, and that the enclosures to the lobby to the door on the South side of the pit be removed.

8.—That the pit refreshment bar be removed, and be re-fixed in a more convenient position, so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

9.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed around every part of the pit.

10.—That the basement under the auditorium be separated from the auditorium by a floor constructed of fire-resisting materials.

11.—That the partition enclosing the passage-way from the flies to the scene-painters' room, on the gallery level, be removed, and that a wall be built to divide the gallery from the existing staircase next Wych-street.

12.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed around every part of the gallery, and that two gangways, each 3 feet wide, with steps of an easy rise, and leading directly to the staircases, be formed between the seats.

13.—That the gallery refreshment bar and refreshment store be removed, and be placed in more convenient positions.

14.—That the six rows of seats in the South-East angle of the gallery be removed.

15.—That access be provided from the balcony to the new gallery staircases on both sides of the house.

16.—That all dressing-rooms be lighted and ventilated from the external air; and that a proper staircase, communicating directly with Wych-street, be provided for the dressing-rooms on the South side of the Theatre.

17.—That all openings between the Theatre proper and the houses in Wych-street and Craven-buildings be stopped up with brickwork, or be closed with wrought-iron doors in wrought-iron frames; and that the Theatre premises be separated from all adjoining premises, vertically by party-walls, and horizontally by party structures.

18.—That the basement windows next the street be filled in with stout wire gauze.

19.—That all soft metal gas-pipes be removed, and be re-placed by iron pipes.

20.—That the skylights in the roof be protected with strong wire guards.

21.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps, and landings, where not already provided.

22.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner of the Theatre, with an

intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions; and that the Committee do report further upon the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the National Standard Theatre, Shoreditch High-street, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved, and that in the opinion of the Board the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that the existing wing walls be permitted to be utilised, so far as they are serviceable, in the construction of the proscenium wall; that not more than three openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening; that no openings be formed above the level of the stage; and that all openings in such wall be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the Theatre be separated from all adjoining premises used as dwelling-rooms, stores, or for any purpose other than that of the Theatre, vertically by brick walls, and horizontally by proper party structures, and that all openings between the Theatre and such adjoining premises be stopped up with brick-work, in cement, the full thickness of the walls in which such openings are situated.

3.—That the pit-stall entrance from George-street, be made 6 feet wide throughout, and be separated from the entrance to the dwelling-house adjoining on the East, by a brick wall 9 inches thick, and do have a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

4.—That the staircase from the balcony to the upper circle, and the pass staircase from the dress circle to the upper circle, be re-built; that the steps and landings of such staircases be constructed of solid tooled York, or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

5.—That the staircase from the ground floor to the lower circle be re-built in a similar manner to the staircases described in the preceding paragraph.

6.—That a brick wall, 9 inches thick, be built on the North side of the staircase to the upper circle, to separate such staircase from the wardrobe and saloon adjoining; and that the gallery at the head of the lower circle staircase be enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials.

7.—That the subterranean tunnel under the pit be blocked up; that the wooden staircases leading to the same be removed; and the flooring made good.

8.—That a new entrance, enclosed on all sides with fire-resisting materials, be provided to the pit stalls on the West side of the Theatre.

9.—That a new entrance and staircase be provided to the gallery on the West side of the Theatre, and that such entrance and staircase be not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and be of similar construction to that described in Requisition No. 4.

10.—That the passage-way between the houses, Nos. 57 and 58, Holywell-lane, be cleared of all obstructions, and be made available as a means of exit; and that the opening in the wall on the West side be stopped up with brickwork, the full thickness of such wall, and the passage separated from the premises under and over by floors of fire-resisting materials.

11.—That the carriage-way adjoining the North London Railway be cleared of all obstructions, and be made available as a means of exit; that the openings in the walls be bricked up; and that such carriage-way be separated from the premises over by a floor of fire-resisting materials.

12.—That the scene dock on the West side of the Theatre be separated from the North London Railway premises by brick walls not less than 9 inches thick.

13.—That the pit refreshment-bar and the pay-box adjoining be removed.

14.—That a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the orchestra stalls, pit stalls, and pit.

15.—That a similar space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the upper circle.

16.—That a similar space be formed around every part of the gallery; that the seats in the angles of the gallery be removed; and that two gangways, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of easy rise, be formed in the gallery, with stout handrails at the lower end of each gangway next the gallery front.

17.—That the doors in the side walls of the entrance corridors out of Shoreditch High-street be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

18.—That the doors to the private boxes be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the gangway.

19.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

20.—That all skylights in the building be protected by stout iron wire guards.

21.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner of the Theatre, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and that the Committee do report further to the Board on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. F. Fowler, Jun., on behalf of Mr. J. Chard, for approval by the Board of Drawings for the construction of certain additions to Brixton hall, in Acre-lane, Brixton, be granted, upon the following conditions—

1.—That the gallery be separated from the rooms under by a ceiling of fire-resisting materials.

2.—That hand-rails be fixed on both sides of the staircases.

3.—That the door-ways between the Hall and the Masonic-hall be provided with iron doors, in lieu of revolving iron shutters; and that the iron doors be one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung in two folds, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

4.—That all skylights in the building be protected by strong iron guards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Messrs. Fladgate,

Smith, and Fladgate, be informed, in reply to their Letter of the 14th instant, that the Board are unable to assent to any departure from the requisitions contained in their Notice to the Owners of Gatti's Music-hall, and that the matter in dispute must therefore be referred to the Arbitrator appointed to hear and determine the Appeal; and that the Solicitor be instructed and authorised to retain Counsel and Witnesses for supporting the requirements of the Board before the Arbitrator.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. H. Baker, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to a Hall constructed at the rear of the Church Institute, in Wiseton-road, Upper Tooting, be not granted.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure No. 140, Tooley-street, St. Olave, Southwark, had failed to comply with the Order made by Wyndham Slade, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Southwark Police-court, on the 26th day of June last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the whole of the party and front walls of the main building, No. 140, Tooley-street, to the level of the pavement, also the roof of the main building, and all the internal portions of the same, to the level of the top of the ground floor.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure, No. 8 Loughborough-street, Lambeth, had failed to comply with the Order made by George Chance, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Lambeth Police-court, on the 26th day of May last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the bulged and overhanging parts of the wall of the shed at the rear of No. 8, Loughborough-street, and adjoining Norfolk-street, Lambeth.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner and Occupier of the structure, No. 52, Weymouth-street, St. Marylebone, had failed to comply with the Orders made by Albert de Rutzen, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Marylebone Police-court, on the 30th day of May last, and on the 11th instant, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the South-East angle pier on the ground storey of No. 52, Weymouth-street, St. Marylebone; to secure the bressummer and wall above, and to take down that part of the West external wall which has bulged.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed

by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure No. 21, Whitcomb-street, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, had failed to comply with the Order made by Robert Milnes Newton, Esquire., one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Marlborough-street Police-court, on the 18th day of April last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd —That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the defective and decayed parts of the North party-wall, and the front wall of No. 21, Whitcomb-street, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and the insecure works connected therewith.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure, No. 23, Whitcomb-street, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, had failed to comply with the Order made by Robert Milnes Newton, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Marlborough-street Police-court, on the 18th day of April last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the front wall of No. 23, Whitcomb-street, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and also the dangerous parts of the back wall, and the defective chimney-breast next the South party-wall of the same premises.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Boulnois and Warner, on behalf of Mr. F. N. Charrington, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building, with one-storey shops, between Nos. 29 and 33, Mile-end-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space in front of the proposed buildings and of the gateway entrance adjoining, coloured Blue on the Plan, be given up and added to the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown upon such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Bird and Walters, on behalf of Mr. J. Wallond, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a two-storey addition at the rear of the "Medina" Public-house, Seven Sisters'-road, Islington, abutting on Medina-grove, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. M. Teulon, on behalf of the Rev. Canon Spence, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Mission-house on the North side of Lancing-street, St. Pancras, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Gibbs and Flew, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the East side of Margravine-road, Fulham, adjoining the Metropolitan District Railway, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. E. C. Chester, on behalf of Mrs. D. Keatch and Mr. R. M. Hiscocks, on behalf of Mr. J. Mossop, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road between Burntwood-lane and Garratt-lane, Wandsworth, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and also on condition that the applicants do satisfy the Solicitor of the Board as to their ownership of the land; and that the name "Franche-court-road, S.W.," be approved for the road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. L. Jones, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the extension of Wycliffe-road, Lavender-hill, Battersea, and of the name "Wycliffe-road, S.W.," in continuation, for the same, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from the Vestry of Lambeth, stating that houses were being erected on ground near the Stockwell-road, without any authority from the Board or the Vestry, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Mr. T. E. Knightley, District Surveyor, stating that houses were in course of erection in a road forming an extension of Tunis-road, Uxbridge-road, Hammersmith, without the sanction of the Board, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the following references be discharged—

Letter from Mr. Collins, District Surveyor, as to the cubical contents of buildings in Tower-street.

Letter from Mr. Grose, District Surveyor, as to an erection on the forecourt of No. 72, High-street, Camden-town.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Report made to the Committee by the Solicitor, as to the legal assistance to be rendered by him when desired by District Surveyors, and suggesting that, unless in cases of exceptional emergency, the District Surveyors should be requested to furnish him with full particulars of the respective cases to be laid before the Committee for their instructions, be approved and acted upon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. H. A. Hunt, Jun., for approval by the Board of the erection of the three houses on the North side of Ralston-street, Chelsea, be granted, on condition that the applicant do enter into an Agreement, to be approved by the Solicitor, undertaking to form the necessary open spaces, as shown on the Plan, when the Lease of the vacant land adjoining shall have fallen in at Christmas, 1886.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. E. D. Hook, on behalf of Mr. J. Percival, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an open verandah on the first floor level of No. 7A, Eaton-square, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered, enclosed, or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Plan referred to in the Notice from Messrs. Chandler and Sons, of their intention to erect buildings on the East side of Vauxhall-street, and on the North side of Kennington-oval, at the corner of Vauxhall-street, be approved, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed buildings in Vauxhall-street from the public way be given up and added to the public way.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of

Mr. B. Donkin, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 55 to 65 (odd numbers only), Southwark-park-road, Bermondsey, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shops from the public way, be given up and added to the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. T. Donkin, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 67 to 77 (odd numbers only), Southwark-park-road, Bermondsey, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shops from the public way be given up and added to such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the amended application of Mr. T. Greenwood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Mission-hall in Perry-rise, at the corner of Perry-hill, Lewisham, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the land next Perry-rise, coloured Blue on the Plan, be given up and added to the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the amended application of Mr. J. M. Anderson, on behalf of Colonel Blundell, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an iron and glass porch upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 10, Stratton-street, Piccadilly, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board; and also on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. A. C. W. Hobman, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the West side of Ilderton-road, Hatcham, between the Grand Surrey Canal and the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Senegal-road, S.E.," "Zampa-road, S.E.," "Erlam-street, S.E.," "Stockholm-road, S.E.," "Bolina-road, S.E.," and "Haydock-road, S.E.," be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Porter and Abraham, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, and one-storey shops, on the South side of Hanley-road, at the corner of Regina-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

14. Mr. Runtz, the Chairman of the Bridges Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BRIDGES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 24th July, 1883.

Your Committee beg to report that their attention has been again directed by your Engineer to the condition of old Battersea Bridge, which, as the Board are aware, has

from time to time been repaired and strengthened as occasion required. Your Committee are, however, of opinion that the time has arrived when, in the interest of the public safety, it is necessary that the traffic over the Bridge should, for the present, be restricted to foot passengers only, and they beg to submit the following recommendation—

> That Battersea Bridge be, for the present, closed to vehicular traffic, and that it do remain open for foot passengers only, subject to such regulations as the Board may from time to time determine.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN RUNTZ,
WM. SHEPHERD,
DONALD MUNRO,
A. EWIN,
GEO. EDWARDS.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That old Battersea Bridge be, for the present, closed to vehicular traffic, and that it do remain open for foot passengers only, subject to such regulations as the Board may from time to time determine.

15. Mr. Dalton moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Selway—"That the Board at "its rising on Friday, the 10th August, do stand adjourned to Friday, the 28th September "next."

The motion having been seconded, it was put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th July, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestries—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
MILE-END OLD-TOWN.				
Eric, Ropery, Maritime, and Lockhart Streets, Bow-common-lane.	850 640	15-inch. 12-inch.	pipe. „	Recommended as applied for.
HAMPSTEAD.				
Widderburn-road, Rosslyn-park Estate.	360 350	3′ 0″ × 2′ 0″ 15-inch.	1 brick. pipe.	Recommended as applied for
CAMBERWELL.				
Pennethorne-road, Peckham.	525	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestries be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th July, 1883, on applications from the following Vestries and District Board, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
		ST. MARYLEBONE.			
1883. 18th July.	Regent-street, between Regent-circus and Great Castle-street.	Paving.	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	Great Portland and Princes Streets.
		CHELSEA.			
23rd „	Church-street (Southend)	Paving.	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	Danvers-street.
		PADDINGTON.			
„ „	Uxbridge-road, from the Western boundary of the Parish, to, near, Queen's-road.	Paving.	6 weeks.	6 weeks.	The routes described in the letter of application.
	Uxbridge-road, from Leinster-terrace, to, near, No. 1, Lancaster-gate.	do.	5 „	5 „	
		ST. GILES.			
25th „	Southampton-row, from Holborn to Vernon-place.	Re-paving.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	Southampton-street.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestries and District Board, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th July, 1883, on a Letter from the Surveyor of the Vestry of Camberwell, submitting a Plan of pipe sewers proposed to be laid in a new street, called Log-square, New Church-road, which had been formed without the Board's approval; stating that, on the 2nd February last (No. 58), the Board had had their attention called to the formation of the street, and had referred the matter to the Building Act Committee, for consideration; that the Solicitor was taking proceedings therein, and recommending that it be referred to him to advise whether or not the Board should, under the circumstances, approve of the Plan of the Sewers.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the matter be referred to the Solicitor for report.

19. A Report and Return were laid before the Board, as follows—

Engineer's Department, Spring-gardens.

27th July, 1883.

Special Clerks of Works.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd May, 1874 (No. 22), I submit herewith a Return showing the names of the several Special Clerks of Works in the employ of the Board, the wages paid to them respectively, and the works upon which they are at present engaged.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

Names.	Wages per week.	Works engaged upon.
MR. LOVICK'S DISTRICT.		
Fisk, G.	£3 3 0	Assisting in sewerage and drainage and Thames Floods prevention works, and in the general duties in the Eastern part of the District.
Raeburn, W. J. G.	3 3 0	Ratcliff-highway and Northern High Level Sewers Relief Lines.
Fixter, J.	3 3 0	Superintending paving, &c., works at Cartwright, &c., streets, Whitechapel.
Carter, J.	3 3 0	Superintending paving, &c., works at Goulston, &c., Streets, Whitechapel.
Panter, T.	3 3 0	Superintending paving, &c., works at Essex-road, Islington.
Hewett, E., Jun.	2 16 0	Superintending paving, &c., works at Monte Video-place and Kentish-town-road.
Skipper, G.	3 3 0	Superintending paving, &c., works at Whitecross-street.
Larking, G...	*3 3 0	Superintending the diversion of the Ratcliff-highway Sewer in the Whitechapel-road, by the London Hospital. *Recoverable from the East London Railway upon completion of the works.
MR. GRANT'S DISTRICT.		
Morton, W.	£4 4 0	Clapham to Putney Relief Sewers.
Jeffery, W. W.	3 3 0	
Lynn, R.	3 3 0	
Bedloe, C.	3 3 0	
Dennis, W.	3 3 0	
Bollam, J.	3 3 0	
Judd, J.	3 3 0	
Scott, J.	3 3 0	
Noble, H. A.	4 4 0	Deptford Storm Overflow Sewer.
Martin, W.	3 3 0	
Johnson, T.	3 3 0	Assisting in sewerage and drainage works, and in the general duties in the Southern part of the District.
Collins, R.	*3 3 0	Superintending the deepening and covering of the Counter's-creek Sewer through the Gas Light and Coke Company's premises at Kensal-green. *Recoverable from the Gas Light and Coke Company upon completion of the works.
METROPOLITAN BRIDGES (MR. BAZALGETTE).		
Carey, T. M.	3 3 0	Repairs to old Putney, Battersea, and Wandsworth Bridges, and Metropolitan Bridges General District Works.
Rigg, J.	3 3 0	Putney new Bridge.
Creighton, G.	2 10 0	
Butcher, B.	3 3 0	Strengthening and other works to the foundations of Waterloo Bridge.
Boag, A.	3 3 0	
Sharpe, P.	3 3 0	Superintending alterations to Deptford-creek Bridge.
Hewett, E.	2 2 0	Slopping and Cleansing roads, &c., of the various Bridges under the control of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report and Return be received, and that they be printed and circulated among the Members of the Board.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th July, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Islington, relative to a complaint of nuisance from the sewerage works in Popham-road, Islington, in course of construction in connection with the Essex-road Scheme, under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act; stating that the effluvia complained of was caused by the necessary removal of an old 12-inch pipe Sewer for the purposes of the new works; that deodorising materials were used whilst such removal was being effected, and that the work of removal had lately been completed, and recommending that the Vestry be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Vestry be informed accordingly.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th July, 1883, on a complaint by Mr. F. Beeston, on behalf of the Earl of Warwick, relative to the flooding of the basement of his Lordship's premises, Stable-yard, St. James's Palace, on the occasion of the heavy rainfall on the 14th instant; stating that, upon examination, it was found that the drain of the premises was untrapped, thus admitting the storm-water from the Sewer into the basement, and recommending that Mr. Beeston be so informed, and that he be requested to have the drain properly trapped.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mr. Beeston be informed in accordance therewith.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th July, 1883, on Letters from Mr. R. W. Roake, "The Vine" Tavern, Mile-end road, claiming compensation for alleged loss of business sustained by him from the execution of the Board's sewerage works near his premises; stating the facts, and recommending that the Board do decline to admit their liability for the claim.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Board do decline to admit their liabilty for the claim.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th July, 1883, stating that, on the 6th April last, the Board had authorised the temporary employment of a Police-Constable to watch the Crossness Pumping Station during the night; that in his (the Engineer's) opinion it was desirable to continue the services of the Constable for three months longer, from sunset until 6 a.m., and recommending that course for adoption.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the services of the Police-Constable be retained for three months longer.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th July, 1883, stating that it would be necessary for the execution of a portion of the works of the intended Ranelagh and King's Scholars' Pond Sewers Relief Line, that the Board and their Contractors should temporarily enter upon and occupy certain lands and premises as shown upon the Plan, and described in the Schedule submitted with the Report, and recommending the Board to pass the usual Order for the purpose.

The Plan and Schedule referred to were laid before the Board.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas, for the purpose of constructing and executing a certain Sewer and works, ordered by this Board, in exercise of the powers vested in them by the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, it is necessary that the undermentioned Officers and Contractors of the Board, with their assistants, servants, and workmen, should enter upon and otherwise lawfully interfere with the lands and premises mentioned and referred to in the Schedule, and shown on the Plan, now produced to the Board, it is resolved and ordered—That, for the purpose of constructing and executing the said Sewer and works, Sir Joseph William Bazalgette, C.B., Engineer of this Board; John Grant, an Assistant Engineer of this Board; Basil M'Crea and John M'Farland, Contractors of this Board, and their assistants, servants, and workmen, and each and every of them, be empowered and required to enter upon and do all necessary and lawful acts in and upon the said lands and premises for the execution of the said works, or any of them, on notice to be given to the occupiers of the said lands and premises Three days at least before such entry.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th July, 1883, stating that 100 tons of New Pelton Coal were required for use at the Crossness Pumping Station, at a cost of £75.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

26. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th July, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contracts—

District "B" (South of Thames).	Estimate. £ s. d.
Diverting house drains, and making alterations in the Sewer in Southwark-bridge-road	30 0 0
Cleaning Ventilator catch-pits in the District	100 0 0
Erecting an iron chimney for ventilating the Low Level and Bermondsey branch Sewers in front of the Boiler-house at the Deptford Pumping Station	150 0 0
Laying 720 feet of 18-inch pipe in Caroline-street, Old Kent-road, from the Low Level Sewer to a tall chimney at the South Metropolitan Gas Company's works	250 0 0
Total	£530 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly; the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

27. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th July, 1883, on Letters from Mr. T. W. Barry, submitting Plans of proposed alterations to portions of the Board's London Bridge sewer at King William-street and Gracechurch-street, respectively, for the purposes of the works of the Metropolitan and District Railways (City Lines and Extensions); recommending that the alterations of the Sewers be allowed subject to the following conditions, viz., with respect to the King William-street Sewer, that the works be constructed according to the Sections shown on the amended tracing, marked "A.," accompanying the Report, and with regard to the Gracechurch-street Sewer, that the work be constructed in accordance with the amended cross-section on the tracing marked "B," accompanying the Report, and with the explanatory particulars written on the tracing; that in both cases the walls of the Railway do have relieving arches formed over the sewers, the two inner rings of the sewers to be in blue bricks, the remainder to be in the hardest gault bricks, or other bricks of equal quality; that the whole of the brickwork be executed in Portland cement, and that the whole of the Sewers be surrounded with Portland cement concrete, as shown upon the tracings, and upon the further condition that all the works be carried out at the sole cost of the Company, and in such manner as the proper Officers of the Board may direct, and to their entire satisfaction; and further recommending that Mr. Barry's attention be particularly called to the necessity for providing for the uninterrupted flow of the sewage and storm waters in the Sewers in question during the progress of the works, and for providing ample deodorising agents to prevent the escape of smell from the Sewers.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved; that the application of Mr. Barry be granted on the several conditions stated therein, and that a communication, as recommended, be addressed to Mr. Barry.

28. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan Street Improvements Bill, 1883, and the Board's Bridges, &c., Bill, had been read a third time in the House of Lords, and had been returned to the House of Commons for the consideration of amendments this evening.

29. The Solicitor reported that the Board's Money Bill had been read a second time in the House of Lords on the 24th instant, and had been fixed for consideration in Committee of the whole House on the 2nd August.

30 Read a Report, as follows—

27th July, 1883.

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (DISTRICT RAILWAY) BILL (VENTILATORS).

I have to report that this Bill was read a second time in the House of Lords, on Tuesday last, and referred to a Committee, presided over by the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, which sat for the first time yesterday. When the Committee assembled, Mr. Pope, Q.C., the leading Counsel for the District Railway Company, stated that the Company had withdrawn their Petition. The Bill, therefore, became unopposed, and was referred back to the unopposed Committee, by whom it will be considered this afternoon.

Lord Wemyss placed the following Notice on the paper for yesterday evening—

London Commissioners of Sewers (Ventilation of Railways) Bill, and Metropolitan Board of Works (District Railway) Bill. The Lord Wemyss to move—That in view of the fact that many millions of the working classes of London are compelled habitually to travel on the Metropolitan District Railway, and that their health and convenience are greatly dependent upon the improved means of ventilation recently provided by the Railway Company under powers granted by Parliament after full enquiry before Committees of both Houses, it be an instruction to the Committee to whom the said Bills are referred, to allow the attendance before them and take the evidence of the representatives of the London Trades Council, and such other associated bodies as the Committee may desire in order that the case of the working men may be fully heard.

The debate upon this Notice is adjourned until this evening. At present the Board's Bill stands as an unopposed Bill

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

31. The Solicitor reported, with regard to the London Commissioners of Sewers (Ventilation of Railways) Bill, that the District Railway Company had appeared upon their Petition, and that it would consequently be considered by the Select Committee of the House of Lords after the Bill now under consideration.

32. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan District Railway Bill was being considered by the same Committee as the two Bills relating to ventilators, and that the Board's case would probably be reached to-day.

33. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Petroleum Bill, and reported that he had sent a copy to each Member of the Board, and that the Bill stood for second reading last evening, but that the Order was discharged, and that consequently the Bill would be dropped for the Session.

34. The Solicitor reported that the Committee of the House of Commons, presided over by Mr. Sclater-Booth, was still considering the Electric Lighting (Provisional Orders) Bills.

35. The Solicitor reported that the Commons and Inclosure Acts Amendment Act (No. 2) stood for second reading in the House of Commons this evening.

36. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Borlase and Mr. Labouchere had asked the Chairman of the Board questions as to unauthorised meetings in Southwark-park, to which the Chairman had replied.

37. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Firth had placed the following Notices on the Paper of the House of Commons for the 30th instant—

"To ask the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works whether it is "true that the Board has now under consideration schemes of London "improvement, involving an outlay of ten millions sterling."

"And, whether before proposing such expenditure to Parliament, the Board "propose to obtain the sanction or ascertain the opinion of the inhabitants "of London who are to find the money."

The Solicitor also reported that Mr. Francis Buxton had placed the following Notice on the Paper of the House of Commons for the 30th instant—

"To ask the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works whether it is "the intention of the Board of Works to construct a road-way through the "Peel-grove Burial-ground, in Bethnal-green, and if so, under what powers "the Board propose to take this step."

38. The Solicitor reported that it might become necessary, before the next Meeting of the Board, to affix the Seal to Petitions on their behalf against Bills in Parliament.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman of the Board be requested and authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Board to any Petitions which it may become necessary to present to Parliament on their behalf before the next Meeting.

39. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements as to the undermentioned Loans had been completed, viz.—

	Amount of Loan.
Paddington Vestry	£19,000
St. Giles District Board	7,500

40. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Contract with Mr. T. Turner for re-forming, maintaining, cleansing, and watering the carriage-ways, foot-ways, &c., of the Victoria Embankment from 13th July to 13th October.

Contract with Mr. E. C. Tylden and the Rev. J. Bellamy, for the sale and purchase of No. 15, Litchfield-street, No. 1, King-street, and a stable and premises in Horse-and-Groom-yard, Soho (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

Lease to Messrs. H. and E. Watts, of Plot No. 58, in Clerkenwell-road (Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement).

Lease to Messrs. W. H. and F. Croaker, by direction of Mr. G. Tilling, of part of Plots Nos. 1 and 3, in Tooley-street (Tooley-street Improvement).

Contract with Messrs. Kellett and Bentley for the formation of a road-way between the gates of Wormwood-scrubs.

License, in duplicate, to Mr. C. H. Head to build twelve houses over the Southern High Level Sewer on the South side of Raul-road, Hanover-park, Peckham.

Deed Poll for vesting in the Board the premises Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9, New-court, George-yard, Whitechapel, claimed by Messrs. S. Woolf and J. Woolf and others, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Goulston-street, &c., Scheme).

Conveyance by Mr. R. Dyer, of No. 13, Wells-street, and Nos. 4A and 5, India-row, Poplar, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Wells-street, Poplar, Scheme).

Conveyance by the Trustees of the Birkbeck Building Society, of No. 25, Grafton-street, Soho, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

Release by Mrs. E. H. Lindeman and others, of an annuity of £100 per annum, charged upon premises in Newport-market, Soho, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

Lease to Mr. S. Smith, of Plot No. 29, and part of Plots Nos. 28 and 30, in Great Eastern-street, Shoreditch (Old-street to Shoreditch Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of

the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively ; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

41. The Solicitor reported that the second instalment of the Loan of £200,000 to the School Board for London, would become due on the 1st August next, and he suggested that the Board might now deem it desirable to draw a Cheque for the amount, and also a Cheque for £125 for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage-deed, in order that the advance might be made.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for £100,000 be now drawn in favour of the School Board for London, and also a Cheque for £125 for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage-deed; and Cheques were drawn on the General Capital Account and the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

42. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £2,300 to the Vestry of St. Luke, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas, the Vestry of the Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same or some or one of them, have applied to this Board for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the said Vestry on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry under the first mentioned Act within the said Parish, of a sum of Two thousand three hundred pounds, for the purpose of defraying the expense incurred, or to be incurred, by the said Vestry in executing certain granite paving works in Lever-street, in the said Parish. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of Two thousand three hundred pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry for the purpose aforesaid, therefore it is ordered that the sanction, in writing, of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of Two thousand three hundred pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by annual instalments of as nearly equal an amount as may be, within a period of Twelve years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order ; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £2,300 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of St. Luke ; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

43. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £900 to the Fulham District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorising the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Board of Works for the Fulham District, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to this Board for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said District Board, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said

District, of a sum of nine hundred pounds for the purpose of defraying the expense to be incurred by the District Board, in widening and improving Queen-street, Hammersmith, within their said District. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of nine hundred pounds should be borrowed by the said District Board for the purpose aforesaid, therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given to the borrowing by the said District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of nine hundred pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by annual instalments of as nearly equal an amount as may be within a period of Fifty-eight years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £900 be now drawn in favour of the Fulham District Board; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

44. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £5,000 to the Managers of the South Metropolitan School District, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for the amount.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £5,000 be now drawn in favour of the Managers of the South Metropolitan School District; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

45. Read a Report by the Solicitor, submitting a Notice from Mr. R. H. Ward, Solicitor for Mr. R. G. Smales, of an action against the Board for damages sustained by him in Bermondsey-street, on 15th May last, by reason of negligent driving by a coachman of the Fire Brigade.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

46. The Clerk laid before the Board a copy of their Resolution of Friday last (No. 6), granting the application of the Vestry of St. Luke, for a further extension of the period within which the outstanding Loan obtained by the Vestry for the purpose of effecting the Bath-street and Lever-street Improvements is directed to be re-paid.

The Clerk also laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 20th instant (No. 8), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Charles-street, &c.	Poplar.
Court-street	Whitechapel.
Ely-place	Mile-end and Bethnal-green.
Bradmore-park-road, &c., Hammersmith ...	Fulham.
Chancellor's-road, &c., do. ...	Do.
Adelaide-road, &c., do. ...	Do.
Tyrrell-road, &c.	Camberwell.
Grove-road, &c.	Islington.
Goldington-street, &c.	St. Pancras.
Caroline-street, &c....	Do.
College-grove, &c.	Do.
Plough-terrace, Battersea	Wandsworth.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the

Board be affixed to the said copy of Resolution, and to the copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

47. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. C. Harding, Clerk to the Vestry of Kensington, dated 20th July, 1883, requesting the Board to receive a Deputation from the Vestry, with reference to the consent given by the Board to the formation of a Mews to lead out of the East side of Lexham-gardens, and to the erection of two houses on the East side of that thoroughfare.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to receive a Deputation from the Vestry.

48. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. E. Salway, Clerk to the Vestry of Chelsea, dated 20th July, 1883, expressing regret that the Board had not acceded to the request of the Vestry for an extension of the temporary platform in Sloane-street, during the construction of the Ranelagh Relief Sewer.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

49. The Clerk presented a Letter from Sir H. A. Hunt, C.B., dated 20th July, 1883, stating that the First Commissioner of Works, &c., had appointed him as Arbitrator to hear an Appeal by the Owner against the requirements of the Notice from this Board in relation to Gatti's Music-hall; and appointing Friday, the 3rd August next, for the hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee and the Solicitor for their information.

50. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Stevens, Clerk to the Beckenham Local Board of Health, applying for an advance under the provisions of the Beckenham Sewerage Act, 1873, of a sum of £1,050 to defray the cost of Sewerage works to be executed under that Act.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

51. The Clerk presented a Letter from Lieut.-Colonel D. Labalmondiere, Assistant Commissioner of Police, dated 21st July, 1883, stating, in reply to the Board's request, that the Police Constable on duty on the Victoria Embankment, near Whitehall-stairs would be instructed to close the gate at those stairs when found open, and, as far as possible, to prevent children from going through the railings.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

52. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Lushington, Home Office, dated 20th July 1883, transmitting a copy of a circular which he had thought it right to address to the Vestries, &c., of the Metropolis, calling their attention to the special expediency of putting into early operation, wherever it might be necessary, the provisions of the Artizans', &c., Dwelling Acts, 1875–1882, and suggesting that instructions should be given to their Medical Officers of Health accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

53. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. Saveraux, Secretary of the National Sunday League, dated 23rd July, 1883, thanking the Board for their Resolution with reference to the Band of the League playing in Finsbury-park on Sundays, and stating that the Board's conditions should be carefully carried out.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

54. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Dethridge, Clerk to the Vestry of Paddington, dated 21st July, 1883, asking the Board to insert in their next Amendment Bill the following Clause—

> That before commencing to lay or construct any part of the footings or foundations of a wall intended for any house or other building, a Sewer, to be approved by the Metropolitan Board of Works, shall be constructed in the road-way, or in front of such house or building, and that drains, properly constructed, and approved by the Vestry or District Board, shall be laid from the Sewer to the rear of every house or other building, and that all rain, waste and sink pipes, connected with the house drain, be properly and effectually trapped at the connection with the house drain.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration.

55. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. J. Alt, dated 24th July, 1883, stating, with regard to the requirements of the Board respecting the Canterbury Theatre of Varieties, that the London and South-Western Railway Company had given him notice of their intention to enter upon possession of the premises for the purpose of widening their line, and asking for a postponement of the Arbitration between himself and the Board for a period of Six months.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

56. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Rev. Canon Tugwell, Rector of St. Mary-le-Strand, dated 23rd July, 1883, expressing regret that the Board should have given permission to the Sunday League to sell Programmes and let Chairs in Finsbury-park on Sundays.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

57. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Fairbairn, Hon. Secretary of the Political Committee of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, transmitting a copy of a Resolution passed at a public Meeting held in Southwark-park on Sunday, July 22nd, with regard to the action of the Board in refusing to allow working men the right of public Meeting in the Parks and Open Spaces, under the Board's control, and stating that the Meeting was determined to support the Committee in their claim to exercise the right of public Meeting on Open Spaces.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report.

58. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. Appleton, Clerk to the Managers of the Central London Sick Asylum District, dated 25th July, 1883, stating that the Managers had sold the Highgate Infirmary to the Guardians for St. Pancras, and requesting the sanction of the Board to the Managers re-paying to this Board the sums of £7,153 1s. 0d., and £28,199 8s. 0d., being the balances on Loans obtained in connection with that Infirmary.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

59. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. B. Hall, Secretary of the West Middlesex Waterworks Company, dated 25th July, 1883, transmitting a Statement of Accounts of the Company for the year ended the 31st March last.

60. Mr. Cook handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Poplar District,
117, High-street, Poplar, E.
26th July, 1883.

St. Leonard's-street Improvement.

Dear Sir,—On the 11th September, 1878, I addressed a Letter to the Metropolitan Board of Works on the subject of this Improvement, and on the 1st November in the same year the

Board passed a Resolution agreeing to contribute one-half of the cost of the portion of the scheme that was at that time to be carried into effect. The necessary works were forthwith executed, and the Board's contribution duly paid.

This Board is now about to complete the purchase of the second portion of land, viz., that in front of the "Old Five Bells" Public-house, the building having been pulled down and re-erected; and I am directed to ask that the Metropolitan Board of Works will contribute a moiety of the sum now to be paid by this Board, viz., £381 13s. 4d., for the portion of land now in question.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) WM. HENRY FARNFIELD.

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

61. Mr. Cook handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Poplar District,
117, High-street, Poplar, E.,
26th July, 1883.

FAIRFIELD-ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

DEAR SIR,—On the 24th March, 1880, the Metropolitan Board of Works resolved to contribute one-half of the amount, viz., £700, to be paid by this Board to the Great Eastern Railway Company towards the cost of re-building the Bridge carrying the Great Eastern Railway over Fairfield-road, and setting back the abutments so as to give a clear space of 40 feet.

I have now to inform you that the works then proposed to be carried out are completed, and this Board has paid to the Railway Company the amount agreed upon, and I am directed to ask that the Metropolitan Board of Works will pay to this Board the promised contribution.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) WM. HENRY FARNFIELD.

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

62. Mr. Cook handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Poplar District,
117, High-street, Poplar, E.,
26th July, 1883.

OLD FORD-ROAD (SOUTH END) IMPROVEMENT.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 4th instant, stating that the Metropolitan Board had resolved to contribute one-half of the net cost of this Improvement, and I am directed to thank the Board for so favourably considering the matter.

It will, of course, become necessary for this Board to find the balance of the money required to purchase the properties to be acquired, and also for carrying out the necessary works connected with the Improvement, and it is estimated that the sum of £3,000 will cover every outlay; and I am further directed to ask that the Metropolitan Board of Works will sanction a Loan for the purpose referred to, and will lend the money, to be repaid in Fifteen years.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) WM. HENRY FARNFIELD.

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

63. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, dated 27th July, 1883, stating that the alterations required by the Board to be made at the Grand Theatre (formerly Philharmonic Theatre), Islington, would be completed early next week; and asking the Board, inasmuch as the Theatre was advertised to be opened on the 4th August next, to now grant him their Certificate in respect of the Theatre.

Mr. Shepherd stated that it appeared that the works were completed, substantially in accordance with the Board's Regulations, but that certain minor works remained to be executed.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. F. Matcham, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, in respect of the Grand Theatre, in High-street, Islington, be granted; that the Certificate be sealed, and that the Superintending Architect be authorised to issue the same to the applicant upon the whole of the alterations required by the Board being completed to his satisfaction.

64. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, dated 26th July, 1883, asking for explanations with reference to certain of the Board's requirements in respect of the Elephant and Castle Theatre.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto.

65. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. E. Maurice, dated 26th July, 1883, with a Memorial from the Kyrle Society, stating that the Peel-grove Burial-ground, at Bethnal-green had been let on a building Lease, and asking the Board to refuse to facilitate the proposed building operations by sanctioning the making of a road through the ground.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Maurice be informed that the Board have already refused to sanction the Plan submitted to them for the formation of a road to lead out of the East side of Peel-grove, and have informed the parties concerned that they will take proceedings against them in the event of their commencing the formation of the road.

66. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. A. Corsellis, Clerk to the Wandsworth District Board, dated 25th July, 1883, stating that the District Board had again had under consideration the question of the Heathwall Sewer, and that they desired to urge upon this Board the necessity of keeping the Sewer clean, and also to suggest that the flood water should be diverted from the Falcon-brook Sewer into the Heathwall Sewer, for the purpose of flushing it, and that they were still of opinion that the Heathwall Sewer required additional means of ventilation.

It was moved by Mr. Meaden, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

67. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Whitehall,
26th July, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed by the Secretary of State to aquaint you, for the information of the Metropolitan Board of Works, that the London School Board have applied to him for his consent to their borrowing £968 6s., under the Elementary Education Act, for the purpose of providing new workshops at the Brentwood Industrial School; and the Secretary of State, having considered their application, consents to the said School Board borrowing the said sum of £968 6s. and spreading the re-payment thereof over a period not exceeding Thirty years; and the Secretary of State recommends the Board of Works to lend to the said School Board the sum of £968 6s., such sum to be re-paid within a period not exceeding Thirty years.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) A. F. O. LIDDELL

The Clerk to the
Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

68. The Clerk laid before the Board a Letter from Mr. G. C. Harding, Clerk to the Vestry of Kensington, dated 26th July, 1883, suggesting the desirability of the business of a Marine store dealer being declared an offensive business, under the provisions of the Slaughterhouses (Metropolis) Act, and enclosing an extract from the Medical Officer's Report on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration and report.

69. The Clerk laid before the Board a Letter from Captain Shaw, dated 27th July, 1883, stating that the funeral of R. J. Long, the Fireman who was killed at the fire which occurred at Greenwich on the 24th instant, would take place on Monday next at Highgate Cemetery.

70. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 24th instant, as follows —

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·3	16·9	17·1	9·3	8·2	8·9	0·6	0·4	0·5	None.
	Camden ..	17·1	16·6	16·9	11·5	9·5	10·0	0·3	0·1	0·2	,,
	Dalston ..	16·8	16·6	16·7	12.3	10·4	11·2	0·0	0.0	0·0	,,
	Bow ..	17·6	16·7	17·1	8·9	8·4	8·7	1·6	1·4	1·5	,,
	Chelsea ..	17·0	16·2	16·7	14·7	11.9	11·3	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17·8	17·1	17·4	11·2	9·2	11·1	0·3	0·2	0·2	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·4	21·0	21·2	10·0	8·1	9·1	1·4	0·8	1·1	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham ..	16·9	16·5	16·7	13·4	8·3	11·4	0·5	0·0	0·3	,,
	Tooley-street .	17·0	16·5	16·7	14·0	10·6	12·9	0·6	0·0	0·4	,,
	Clapham ..	17·1	16·6	16·8	11·6	9·4	10·2	0·4	0·0	0·2	,,
	Lewisham ..	17·2	16·2	16·8	6·7	5·8	6·4	1·0	0·6	0·8	,,
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford ..	17·7	16·9	17·2	11·4	9·0	10·3	0·5	0·3	0·4	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	16·8	16·5	16·7	14·3	7·1	9·8	0·4	0·2	0·3	,,

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, as tested in Victoria-road, Hackney-wick, at 7.0 p.m. on the 21st inst., was 1·30 inches.

71. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. Charles Fowler, District Surveyor for the District of Shoreditch and the Liberty of Norton Folgate, for the consent of the Board to the appointment by him of Mr. R. P. Notley, as his Deputy, from the 4th August to the 3rd September next.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that this Board do consent to the appointment by Mr. Charles Fowler, of Mr. R. P. Notley, as his Deputy, and for the performance of the duties of District Surveyor in the District of Shoreditch and the Liberty of Norton Folgate, from the 4th August to the 3rd September next.

72. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Lander and Bedells, on behalf of the Trustees of the Blenheim-road Mission-hall, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Congregational Hall on the North side of Blenheim-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

73. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Douglas, for the consent of the Board to the erection of buildings on the East side of Exhibition-road, South Kensington, at the corner of Thurloe-place, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

74. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on a Letter from the Lambeth Vestry, relative to the erection of a rough boarded partition fence on the forecourt of a house on the East side of South Lambeth-road, at the corner of Meadow-place.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto; and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

75. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Smith and Co., on behalf of the Zoological Society, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a bay-window at the rear of No. 3, Hanover-square.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

76. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. A. Dash, on behalf of Mr. J. Lowther, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of three houses, with bay-windows, on the North side of the New Kent-road, at the corner of Paragon-mews, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

77. St. Saviour, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Bingemann, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 33, 35 and 37, Southwark-bridge-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

78. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to two villas on the East side of Riggindale-road, Woodland's Estate, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

79. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. M. Brutton, on behalf of Messrs. Steele and Hay, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 53, Battersea-park-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed building from the public way be given up to form part of

such public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

80. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. L. Guy, on behalf of Mr. H. J. Houlgate, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron corridor at the rear of Waterloo-house, in High-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

81. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 26th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Bean, on behalf of Messrs. Isaacs and Florence, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Normand-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

82. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Collier and Merrin, on behalf of Messrs. Weston and Westall, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a one-storey building abutting on a passage leading out of the South side of Ridley-road, Dalston, in the position shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

83. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. H. Jones, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the West side of Lansdowne-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

84. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. Burbridge, on behalf of Mr. R. Foster, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and name of a road to lead out of Clapton-terrace-mews.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

85. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on a Memorial from the Owners and inhabitants of Hereford-square, South Kensington, protesting against the proposed formation of a Mews to lead out of the West side of the Square.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

86. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. H. Parsons, District Surveyor, stating that a certain road, named Kay-road, leading out of Landor-road, had been partly formed, and that several houses were in course of erection therein, without the approval of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

87. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th July, 1883, on a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of a building on the North side of Eltringham-street, leaving the road-way less than 40 feet

wide, and as to houses in course of erection on the North and South sides of Eltringham-street, without the approval of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

88. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Hobbs, for approval by the Board of a Plan for a further extension of Dovedale-road, Coventry-park Estate, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

89. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th July, 1883, on a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of a fence wall in front of a house on the South side of Streatham-place, Streatham, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road-way.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

90. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Mr. H. Shaw, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed at the rear of Nos. 14 and 16 Staple-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

91. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Boyce, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a shed in Lamb-lane, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

92. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Winters, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a cart shed at the rear of No. 200A, High-street, Stoke Newington, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

93. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 26th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. L. Guy, on behalf of Mr. H. J. Houlgate, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a shed at the rear of his premises in High-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

94. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Baker, on behalf of the Committee of St. Ann's Mission-house, for approval by the Board of the erection of a Mission-house and room, on the South side of Raydon-street, Highgate, without an open space at the rear, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

95. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the proposed erection of buildings at the rear of No. 5 Lebanon-terrace, abutting on Lebanon-gardens, with an insufficient open space at the rear thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

96. Wandsworth.—Read a communication from Mr. Henry John Hansom, District Surveyor, under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of North Battersea, dated 20th July, 1883, notifying that Messrs. Bowley's and Messrs. Field's premises, in Wellington-road, Battersea, were about to be reinstated, after fire, under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. Henry John Hansom, District Surveyor for the District of North Battersea, did, on the 20th day of July, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Henry John Hansom, was engaged to act professionally in respect of the reinstatement, after fire, of Messrs. Bowley's and Messrs. Field's premises, in Wellington-road, Battersea, and the said Henry John Hansom has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board that Mr. John Alexander James Woodward, District Surveyor for the District of Central Lambeth, and part of Battersea, be appointed by this Board, and the said John Alexander James Woodward, is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

97. Holborn.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 26th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Clarke, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of Victoria Chambers, in Chancery-lane and Southampton-buildings, without the fireproof separations required by the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

98. Greenwich.—Read a communication from Mr. Benjamin Tabberer, District Surveyor, under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of Greenwich, dated 23rd July, 1883, notifying that certain additions to St. Andrew's Day School, in Greenwich-marsh, were about to be made under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas Mr. Benjamin Tabberer, District Surveyor for the District of Greenwich, did, on the 23rd day of July, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Benjamin Tabberer, was engaged to act professionally in respect of certain additions to St. Andrew's Day School in Greenwich-marsh, and the said Benjamin Tabberer has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. James Collis, District Surveyor for the District of Charlton, Lee, and Kidbrooke, be appointed by this Board, and the said James Collis is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

99. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. C. Pawley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to four houses on the East side of Anerley-hill, Upper Norwood.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be

granted, on condition that the whole of the works be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

100. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of Saint Pancras,
General Business Department,
Vestry Hall, Pancras-road,
26th July, 1883.

ANGLER'S-LANE IMPROVEMENT.

SIR,—The Vestry are anxious to settle the question of your Board's contribution towards this Improvement, and also the amount to be borrowed.

I am therefore directed to inform you that, although the land on the North side of Angler's-lane has not yet been built upon (except a portion abutting on the flank of the corner house in Kentish-town-road, and except that a Urinal has been erected on part of the surplus land) the Vestry are, nevertheless, desirous of retaining the land for the purpose of building a depôt.

I am to say further that the Vestry consider the value of the land is £150.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. ECCLESTON GIBB.
Vestry Clerk.

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Furniss, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

Adjourned until Friday, the 3rd August next, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 5.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **3rd** day of **August**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. M'Garel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.
Charles Harris, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.
William Halford Fell, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.
William James Wetenhall, Esq.
Robert Cox, Esq.
John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.
Robert Furniss, Esq.
Alfred Ewin, Esq.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.
Thomas John White, Esq.
John Jones, Esq.
William Shepherd, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.
James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
John Abbott, Esq.
William Burnham Garrett, Esq.
John Reddish, Esq.
Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
Robert Jones, Esq.
Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.
Edward John Thompson, Esq.
Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
Alfred Pocock, Esq.
George Hill, Esq.
James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 27th July last, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board, present at such Meeting.

2. Mr. Tolhurst, in the absence of Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Finance Committee.

Spring-gardens, 31st July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 14th July, 1883		£190,845 19 2	
Receipts since that Date, as per Statement presented this day		443,488 6 8	
			£634,334 5 10
Payments since 14th July, 1883			103,306 13 –
Balance on 28th July, 1883 { viz.: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£539,617 12 11		
Less Cheques not presented	8,590 – 1		
			£531,027 12 10

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance on 14th July, 1883	£1,306 7 –		
Receipts since that Date	4,962 11 3		
		£6,268 18 3	
Payments since 14th July, 1883		5,203 10	
Balance on 28th July, 1883 ... { viz: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£1,192 5 5		
Less Cheques not presented	126 17 2		1,065 8 3
Total Cash Balances on 28th July, 1883			**£532.093 1 1**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 14th July, 1883.*		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 28th July, 1883.*		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Working Accounts—							
General	...	14,159 – 4	44,580 8 –	11,069 16 10	...	47,669 11 6	862 1 7
Fire Brigade ...	...	1,006 1 1	176 18 11	4,976 14 10	3,793 14 10	...	74 4 1
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	494,398 19 8	387,012 1 4	8,018 14 6	...	873,392 6 6	100,921 6
Fire Brigade ...	21,069 1 3	...	...	639 3 10	21,708 5 1	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	54,884 15 2	...	...	14,600 1 9	69,484 16 11	...	1,087 15
Albert Embankment	65 14 –	...	...	...	65 14 –	...	...
Wapping and other Improvements	311 17 9	...	...	4 9 –	316 6 9	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	91 17 6	...	...	...	91 17 6	...	...
Sun Street Improvement	199 19 6	...	12 10 –	...	187 9 6	...	...
Metropolis Bridges (Act of 1881)	39,632 14 10	...	...	4,183 6 2	43,816 1 –	...	6,840 13
Street Improvements (Act of 1877)	255,959 1 5	...	2 – –	21,570 13 10	277,527 15 3	...	18,271 8
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	13,617 14 9	...	...	518 7 6	14,136 2 3	...	463 13
Thames Floods Prevention	3,218 19 3	...	...	86 – 8	3,304 19 11	...	...
Parks and Open Spaces	2,885 17 –	...	1 4 –	6 6 –	2,890 19 –	...	...
Miscellaneous—							
Firemen's Savings Fund	...	56 9 10	...	9 11 1	...	46 18 9	...
Consolidated Loans Fund	...	18,297 19 –	11,283 4 5	35,685 16 5	6,104 13 –	...	40,422 19
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	...	21,841 1 6	81 10 –	1,882 7 10	...	20,040 3 8	12,189 10
Metropolis Bridges (Act of 1877)	...	33,024 – 2	338 10 –	55 2 9	...	33,307 7 5	...
	391,937 12 5	582,783 11 7	443,488 6 8	103,306 13 –	443,429 15 –	974,456 7 10	181,133 4
	£190,845 19 2				£531,027 12 10		

INVESTMENTS.

FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND ... ... £3,620 8 5 ... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED, from the 16th to 28th July, 1883—

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Assessments—					
Bermondsey	£5,181 16 1				
Close of Collegiate Church of St. Peter	30 14 7				
Fulham	7,636 3 –				
Greenwich	8,279 4 6				
Hampstead	5,756 4 5				
Poplar	8,993 4 1				
Westminster	7,982 3 11				
				43,859 10 7	
Supplemental assessment, *re* Government property—					
City of London	£25 4 10				
Hampstead	3 – 2				
				28 5 –	
Fees—					
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act)	£2 10 –				
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act)	227 1 5				
„ Gas-meter testing	174 10 6				
„ Petroleum Licenses...	25 15 –				
„ Explosives Act	2 13 –				
				432 9 11	
Costs recovered—					
Re Loans	£63 11 6				
„ Leases	154 15 –				
„ Licenses	6 6 –				
„ Building Act	5 5 –				
„ Bye-laws	– 2 –				
Law costs, &c....	– 7 6				
				230 7 –	
Proceeds of sales of carcases—					
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act				9 5 2	
Drain-junctions to main-sewers				8 – 4	
Plans, &c., sold				12 10 –	
					44,580 8 –
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.					
Contributions from Insurance companies				44 10 5	
Contributions from men towards rent				95 2 –	
Chimney-fire penalties...				27 6 6	
National Debt Commissioners—					
Half-year's annuity, *re* Morris				10 – –	
					176 18 11
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.					
Further amounts, *re* Loan of £1,250,000					387,012 1 4
SUN STREET IMPROVEMENT.					
Rent					12 10 –
STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 1877.					
Compensation re-funded, *re* Baron (Charing-cross)					2 – –
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.					
Transfer from *General Working Account*, in re-payment of advance ...					1 4 –
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.					
Rent				6,625 1 1	
Loans—					
Interest	£1,453 7 8				
Re-payment	677 12 2				
				2,130 19 10	
Carried forward				£8,756 – 11	431,785 2 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	8,756 – 11	431,785 2
Sales—		
Gray's-inn-road ... ... £87 13 –		
Jamaica-road ... ... 2,400 – –		
Southwark-park (produce)... ... ... 2 10 –		
	2,490 3 –	
Deposits, *re* rent—		
Putney Bridge ... ... £12 – –		
Piccadilly ... ... 10 –		
	22 – –	
Proportion of rates from out-going tenants—		
Camberwell and Peckham £3 15 2		
Piccadilly ... ... 2 – 4		
	5 15 6	
Transfer from *Streets Improvements*, 1877, *Account*, in repayment of advance...	9 5 –	
		11,283 4 5
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Rent		81 10 –
METROPOLITAN BRIDGES, 1877.		
Rent	38 10 –	
Justices of the Peace for Surrey—		
One-quarter's contribution towards the maintenance of bridges ...	300 – –	
		338 10 –
		£443,488 6 8

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct; and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £36,893 1s. 5d., be paid.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures, and for expenses of Shoring and Hoarding, and they recommend—

That the necessary Orders be made with respect to the same.

In pursuance of the Board's Standing Order your Committee have had before them a Statement of the monthly advances on account of Salaries which will become payable to the Board's Officers on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £2,646 10s. 0d., which Statement has been approved by your Committee, and they beg to submit the same, and to recommend—

That a Resolution be passed authorising the Treasurer to pay the several sums specified in such Statement on or after the 11th instant.

Your Committee have also had before them a Statement of Salaries which will become payable to the Board's Officers on the 25th September next, amounting to the sum of £8,769 8s. 8d., which Statement has been approved by your Committee, and they beg to submit the same, and to recommend—

That the Board do pass an Order authorising the Treasurer to pay, when due, the several sums specified in such Statement.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Westminster District Board, requesting payment of this Board's promised contribution towards the cost of an Improvement in Gardeners'-lane, referred by the Board on the 1st June last (No. 10). The Board on the 14th July, 1882 (No. 4), agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £250, of effecting the Improvement in question on the usual Certificates of their Officers. The requisite Certificates of the completion of the works, at a cost of £497, having been presented to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £248 10s., in favour of the District Board.

Your Committee have considered the Resolution of the Board of the 7th November, 1879 (No. 6), agreeing to contribute one-half of the cost, not exceeding £3,420, of

effecting an Improvement at Hare-street, Woolwich, on Certificates by their Officers of the completion and cost of the work; and also their further Resolution of the 27th instant (No. 11), agreeing to contribute the further sum of £285, making a total of £3,705. Your Superintending Architect has reported that the Improvement has been completed in accordance with the Plan submitted to the Board, and your Accountant has certified that the sum of £7,411 3s., exclusive of the sum of £1,691 14s. 7d. paid for professional charges, has been expended in effecting the same. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £3,705, in favour of the Woolwich Local Board of Health.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Vestry of Kensington, for permission to borrow, and for the advance of £12,000, for wood-paving, referred by the Board on the 29th June last (No. 34). The Vestry propose to pave with wood blocks, laid on concrete foundations, 6 inches in thickness, the carriage-ways of Elgin-crescent, Earl's-court-road, and part of Portobello-road, at an estimated cost (for 23,460 yards at 10s. per yard, and £270 for extras) of £12,000, and they ask the Board to advance £5,000 at once, £5,000 in October, and £2,000 in January next, and to spread the re-payment over a period of Seven years. Your Engineer has examined the Estimate, and reports the amount to be reasonable, and he has also had the traffic through each road taken, and is of opinion that the re-payment of the Loan should be limited to Six years, as in the case of the Loan for paving-works in the Uxbridge-road, in the adjoining Parish of Paddington. In this view your Committee concur, and also that the Loan should be limited to the amount to be advanced during the present year, and they accordingly recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of Kensington, for permission to borrow a sum of £12,000 for wood-paving, be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the sum of £10,000 be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that £5,000 be taken up at once, and £5,000 in October next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, January, April, and July, in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within Six years; that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan; and that the Vestry be informed that they must apply in January next for the £2,000, if then required.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 6th instant (No. 55), your Committee have considered the application of the Lewisham District Board, for permission to borrow, and for the advance of, £2,920. The District Board propose to lay down 8,364 feet run of granite kerb and channel, and 383 yards of granite crossings, at an estimated cost of £2,140; and 4,000 yards of tar pavement, 3 inches in thickness, at a cost of £600; and also to widen the roads at Rushey-green and Dermody-road, and asphalte a path at a cost of £180. Your Engineer has examined the Estimate, and considers the amount reasonable for the works. Your Committee see no objection to the Board advancing a sum of £2,800 towards the cost of carrying out the works, and they therefore recommend—

That the application of the Lewisham District Board, for permission to borrow a sum of £2,920 for kerbing, channelling, paved crossings, tar and asphalte paving, and for widening a road, be granted to the extent of £2,800; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, January, April, and July in each year, and the principal, as to £2,100 for kerbing, channelling, and paved crossings being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within 10 years, and as to £700 for tar and asphalte paving, and road widening, within 6 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Bethnal-green, requesting permission to borrow, and for the advance of £15,000, for paving-works, referred by the Board on the 30th June last (No. 2). The Vestry intend to lay down about 17,643 yards of new granite pitching, 7 feet by 3 feet, on concrete 6 inches

in thickness, at an estimated cost of £15,312 13s. 10d., which your Engineer considers to be fair and reasonable for the work. Your Committee see no objection to the Board making the advance, and accordingly recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of Bethnal-green, for permission to borrow a sum of £15,000 for new granite paving-works, be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, January, April and July, in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within 20 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Guardians of the Holborn Union, for a Loan of £2,625, referred by the Board on the 15th June last (No. 48). The Loan is for works to be executed by the Guardians, and will be raised under the authority of an Order of the Local Government Board. This Board have at present no Parliamentary power to advance the money, but, subject to the passing of their Money Bill, now before Parliament, and to the advance being limited to £2,600, your Committee see no objection thereto, and they therefore recommend—

That, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board and the Treasury being obtained thereto, and also to the passing of the Board's Money Bill, now before Parliament, the application of the Guardians of the Holborn Union, for a Loan of a sum of £2,625 for works at their premises, be granted to the extent of £2,600; that the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up so soon as the requisite security can be prepared, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st day of October, January, April, and July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st of July, within 15 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee further recommend.

That the Cheque, No. 5940, drawn on the Street Improvements, 1877, Account, on the 16th April last, in favour of Messrs. Mills, Lockyer and Mills, for £5 2s. 2d., having been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN TOLHURST,
W. H. DALTON,
JNO. ABBOTT,
DONALD MUNRO.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
RANSOME, JOSSELYN AND WOODS—(1682)—			
2639 Diagonal rocking fire-bars, for Abbey-mills pumping-station, May to July, 1883		60 10 10	
GREEN, HOLLAND AND SONS—(1686)—			
2640 Coals, quarter to 30th June, 1883—			
Pumping-stations	£2,221 6 9		
Sluice-house, Deptford	4 16 –		
Ventilation experiments, *re* Metropolitan District Railway	5 2 –		
		2,231 4 9	
RADFORD, D., AND CO.—(1685)—			
2641 Coals, quarter to 30th June, 1883—			
Pumping-stations	£567 13 5		
Offices, Spring-gardens	3 14 –		
		571 7 5	
CORY, W., AND SON—(1745)—			
2642 Coals, quarter to 30th June, 1883—			
Pumping-stations	£54 1 6		
Offices, Spring-gardens	31 4 –		
		85 5 6	
Carried forward		£2,948 8 6	...

		£ s. d	£ s.
	Brought forward	2,948 8 6	...
	WATT, J., AND Co.—(1751)—		
2643	Steam and exhaust-cams for Crossness pumping-station, July, 1883	64 – –	
	WISE, A.—(1775)—		
2644	Medical attendance on men at Crossness, half-year to 6th August, 1883	25 –	
	NASH, W.—(1678)—		
2645	Matting, brooms, brushes, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
	Pumping-stations £19 13 9		
	Sluice-houses, &c. ... ... 3 – –		
	Parks, commcns, &c. 7 5 6		
	Gas-meter testing-house ... ... – 18 8		
	Offices, Spring-gardens ... ... 11 – 4		
		41 18 3	
	GOOD, W., AND SON—(1741)—		
2646	Rope, packing, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
	Pumping-stations ... ... £80 12 –		
	Sluice-house, Pimlico 5 16 9		
	Parks, commons, &c. 15 5 5		
		101 14 2	
	GREEN, J.—(1760)—		
2647	Oil, soap, cotton-waste, &c.. quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
	Pumping-stations £208 2 11		
	Sluice-houses, &c. 26 15 5		
	Parks, commons, &c. ... ... 24 8 –		
	Gas-meter testing-houses 7 3 6		
	Offices, Spring-gardens 19 18 1		
		286 7 11	
	MESTON, J. F.—(1729)—		
2648	Repairs to new roads and paths by Finsbury-park, December, 1882, to June, 1883	170 5 10	
	WEST HAM GAS Co.—(1764)—		
2649	Gas for Abbey-mills pumping-station, to Midsummer, 1883 ...	97 14	
	GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(1731)—		
2650	Shoring, hoarding, &c., dangerous structures	58 15 11	
	DISTRICT SURVEYORS—(1732)—		
	Fees, *re* dangerous structures—		
2651	Carritt, E. ... ... £ 2 17 6		
2652	Clarkson, J. 2 2 6		
2653	Conder, A. ... ... 2 5 –		
2654	Fletcher, B. ... ... 5 – –		
2655	Hayward, C. F. 6 2 6		
2656	Hewitt, E. R. 7 2 6		
2657	Jennings, J. 3 7 6		
2658	Kerr, R. ... ... 2 10 –		
2659	Knightley, T. E. 2 5		
2660	Lansdown, G. ... ... 3 15 –		
2661	Large, W. A. ... ... 2 10 –		
2662	Markham, S. S. 10 15		
2663	Mathews, J. D. 3 10		
2664	Oliver, H. 10 2 6		
2665	Porter, F. W. 6 15		
2666	Redman, J. B. ... ... 5 5 –		
2667	Stenning, A. R. 6 2 6		
2668	Walker, R. 10 18 9		
2669	Wallen, F. ... ... 3 5 –		
2670	Whichcord, J. ... ... 4 10 –		
2671	Woodthorpe, E. 4 7 6		
2672	Woodward, J. A. J. 5 15		
		111 3 9	
	Carried forward	£3,905 8 4	...

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward		3,905	8	4	...		
Compensation for cattle slaughtered under Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act—(1680)—								
2673	Jones, W....	£35 5 –						
2674	Thorpe, J. T.	12 – –						
2675	Abbott and Son	18 15 –						
2676	Clement, J.	15 – –						
2677	Robinson, H.	15 – –						
2678	Jones, J.	60 – –						
			156	–	–			
Booker, J.—(1606)—								
2679	Sharpening and repairing tools, Tooting-commons, April to June, 1883		2	–	6			
Mitchell, J.—(1577)—								
2680	Cleaning statuary and stone-work at Leicester-square-garden ...		42	–	–			
Meston, J. F.—(1601)—								
2681	Carting work, &c., at Hackney-commons, Finsbury-park and new roads, quarter to 30th June, 1883		40	16	–			
Wright, C.—(1607)—								
2682	Carting-work at Peckham-rye-common and Goose-green, quarter to 30th June, 1883...		6	–	-			
Whatley, T., and Co.—(1603)—								
2683	Carting-work at Hampstead-heath, January to June, 1883 ...		9	10	–			
Wood, J.—(1602)—								
2684	Fencing at Wormwood-scrubs, March, 1883		41	1	4			
Lapthorne and Co.—(1604)—								
2685	Repairs to Bye-law boards at Southwark-park and Blackheath, April and May, 1883		4	1	–			
Addis, W.—(1605)—								
2686	Padlocks for general use at parks and open spaces, April, 1883 ...		5	2	–			
Laing, D. G., and Son—(1609)—								
2687	Repairs at Victoria and Chelsea-embankment-gardens, January to October, 1882		10	12	2			
Coulson, Stokes and Co.—(1600)—								
2688	Ironmongery, tools, &c., for sundry parks and open spaces, quarter to 31st March, 1883		94	16	4			
Inspectors under Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act—(1749)— Allowances for services for the quarter to 30th June, 1883—								
2689	Hunting, W.	£5 15 –						
2690	Ridler, F. H.	19 8 –						
2691	Woodger, E.	26 5 –						
2692	Broad, A....	41 2 6						
2693	Shaw, H. K.	99 –						
2694	Tegg, G.	18 – 9						
2695	Davis, H....	14 5 6						
2696	Ingersoll, F. R.	21 13 6						
2697	Springett, H.	41 19 6						
2698	Lupton, J. I.	11 6 –						
2699	Lowe, C.	5 13 3						
			304	9	-			
Vaughan, S. G., and Co.—(1754)—								
2700	Office-furniture and repairs, March, 1883		2	13	–			
Summerford, J. S.—(1758)—								
2701	Repairs to office-furniture, &c., January to June, 1883		3	15	6			
Addis, W.—(1759)—								
2702	Ironmongery, repairs at office, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883 ...		37	5	9			
Relleen, Son and Jenkins—(1756)—								
2703	Sweeping office-chimneys, January to June, 1883		9	10	–			
	Carried forward		£4,675	–	11	...		

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	4,675 - 11	...
LAING, D. G., AND SON—(1766)—			
2704	Repairs, painting, &c., at offices, Spring-gardens, January to June, 1883	70 1 4	
TURNER, T.—(1768 & 1769)—			
2705	Balance of amount of contract for cleansing, watering, &c., Victoria-embankment (No. 663)	900 - -	
2706	Repairs on Victoria-embankment, 13th October, 1882, to 13th July, 1883 (Contract No. 664)	258 15 7	
MOWLEM, J., AND CO.—(1770)—			
2707	On account of bill for general jobbing works, Area A, quarter to 30th June, 1883	4,000 - -	
STANFORD, E.—(1730)—			
2708	Maps, April to June, 1883	54 18 8	
ROWNEY, G., AND CO.—(1677)—			
2709	Drawing-materials, &c., July, 1882, to June, 1883	38 8 3	
STEEL AND JONES—(1679)—			
2710	Books and newspapers for office use, quarter to 30th June, 1883 ...	23 1 11	
CONNELL, W., AND CO.—(1663)—			
2711	Washing office-towels, dusters, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883 ...	9 16 6	
KENNEDY, T. (late Draughtsman)—(1655)—			
2712	One month's retiring allowance, to 26th August, 1883	8 17 9	
JUDD & CO.—(1670)—			
2713	Parliamentary printing, June and July, 1883	281 5 -	
POLE, W., F.R.S.—(1673)—			
2714	Proportion of expenses of printing evidence, *re* Metropolis sewage discharge	7 9 6	
OFFICE OF WOODS, &c., per W. C. Higgins—(1656)—			
2715	Charges for preparation and enrolment of agreement, including charge of Crown Surveyor, *re* Metropolitan Street Improvements Bill, 1883 (Tower-hill)	26 5 -	
O'HARA, R.—(1661 & 1736)—			
2716	Counsel's fees, *re* Bills in Parliament— November, 1882, to May, 1883 ... ... £164 14 - March to July, 1883 ... ... 378 10 6	543 4 6	
FREEMAN, G. M.—(1662)—			
2717	Counsel's fees, May and June, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament ...	256 14 6	
BIDDER, G. P., Q.C.—(1659)—			
2718	Counsel's fees, April to June, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament ...	250 8 6	
SAUNDERS, H. C., Q.C.—(1658)—			
2719	Counsel's fees, June and July, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament ...	411 12 -	
EVERITT, F. W. E., Q.C.—(1740)—			
2720	Counsel's fees, November, 1882, and January, 1883	8 4 6	
MARTIN AND LESLIE—(1747)—			
2721	Copies of Bills in Parliament, June and July, 1883	2 1 8	
LEMERE, B., AND CO.—(1742)—			
2722	Photography, July, 1883, *re* Metropolitan District Railway ventilation	2 2 -	
LAW AND CHATTERTON—(1757)—			
2723	Professional charges, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session, 1883 ...	380 19 6	
WATER for premises occupied by the Board—(1765)—			
2724	Kent Waterworks Co. £14 16 2		
2725	East London Waterworks Co. ... ... 39 17 -		
2726	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co. ... ... 31 1 -		
		85 14 2	
	Carried forward	£12,295 1 9	...

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	12,295	1	9	...		
	CLERGY MUTUAL ASSURANCE CO.—(1762)—						
2727	Half-year's interest on balance of loan of £50,000, due 26th August, 1883 (less tax)	403	7	4			
					12,698	9	1
	FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.						
	SHAND, MASON AND CO.—(1665 & 1668)—						
861	Repairs to air vessels of Floats, April and June, 1883—						
	"Dodo" ... ... £4 18 –						
	"Buffalo" ... ... 13 – –						
		17	18	–			
	STIMPSON AND CO.—(1648)—						
862	Repairs at sundry stations, February to December, 1882	75	6	2			
	NEWSTEAD, N.—(1646)—						
863	Repairs at sundry stations, June, 1882, to June, 1883	62	3	7			
	MILNE, SONS AND MACFIE—(1647)—						
864	Gas-fittings, &c., for sundry stations, quarter to 30th June, 1883 ...	14	14	8			
	GAS for sundry stations—(1643)—						
865	Commercial Gas Co. ... ... £58 13 –						
866	South Metropolitan Gas Co. 174 16 8						
867	Wandsworth and Putney Gas Co. 2 17 5						
868	Woolwich, Plumstead, &c., Gas Co. 2 6 10						
869	Woolwich Equitable Gas Co. 3 14 8						
870	The Gas Light and Coke Co. 289 5 8						
871	Crystal Palace District Gas Co. 3 12 7						
		535	6	10			
	WATER for sundry stations—(1644)—						
872	East London Waterworks Co. £18 7 5						
873	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co. 68 18 5						
874	Kent Waterworks Co. 4 2 6						
		91	8	4			
					796	17	7
	GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.						
	BANK OF ENGLAND—(1642)—						
2728	Commission allowed to Brokers and others, *re* Loan of 1883, on £1,241,000 Metropolitan £3 per cent. Consolidated Stock ...	...			1,551	17	6
	FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.						
	READING, C. W.—(1653)—						
875	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Great Scotland-yard, Charing-cross (No. 588)	1,100	–	–			
	STIMPSON AND CO.—(1652)—						
876	Further on account of contract for additional works in enlarging Head-quarters station (No. 627)	841	10	–			
	COOK, R. J., AND HAMMOND—(1651)—						
877	Lithography, December, 1882, *re* Head-quarters station	61	3	–			
					2,002	13	–
	NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE.						
	BRAMWELL, SIR F.—(1734)—						
263	Professional charges, *re* lamp standards	...			52	10	–
	METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1877.						
	BOARD OF WORKS FOR GREENWICH DISTRICT—(1750)—						
455	One-year's contribution towards wages of attendant at Deptford-creek-bridge to Midsummer, 1883	50	–	–			
	VESTRY OF ST. GEORGE, HANOVER SQUARE—(1753)—						
456	Cleansing and watering roadway of Chelsea suspension bridge, one year to 24th May, 1883	70	–	–			
	MOWLEM, J., AND CO.—(1466)—						
457	Works under general jobbing contract, Area A, quarter to 31st March, 1883	383	14	8			
	Carried forward	£503	14	8	17,102	7	2

		£ s d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	503 14 8	17,102 7 2
Williams, J., Son and Wallington—(1467 and 1608)—			
458	Works under general jobbing contract, Area B—		
	December, 1882 ... ... £111 9 2		
	Quarter to 31st March, 1883 ... ... 472 10 6		
		583 19 8	
Cooke, B., and Co.—(1771)—			
459	Further on account of contract for repairs, &c., at Wandsworth Bridge (No. 543)	500 –	
Webster, W.—(1772)—			
460	Further on account of contract for works for protecting piers of Waterloo Bridge (No. 587)	3,247 2 7	
			4,834 16 11
	METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1881.		
Waddell, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—(1773)—			
461	Further on account of contract for construction of bridge at Putney (No. 597)		3,000 – –
	STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 1877.		
Gas Light and Coke Co.—(1684)—			
6318	Altering mains in Porter-street, Soho, May, 1883	11 19 5	
Clarke, E. G., Q.C., M.P.—(1666)—			
6319	Counsel's fees, April, 1883, *re* Muller (Piccadilly)	63 5 –	
Slowman, A., and Co.—(1761)—			
6320	Summoning officer's charges, June, 1883, *re* C. J. Smith (Piccadilly)	5 15 6	
Surveyors' Institution—(1739)—			
6321	Hire of rooms for arbitration, June and July, 1883, *re* Arundel and another (Piccadilly)	8 8 –	
Hodges and Son—(1752)—			
6322	Short-hand notes, June, 1883, *re* Bellamy and Tylden (Piccadilly)...	13 4 6	
			102 12 5
	THAMES FLOODS PREVENTION.		
Cook, R. J., and Hammond—(1743)—			
8	Lithography, Limehouse District, June, 1881		90 4 –
	CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
Grand Junction Water Co., per H. M. Reynolds—(1649)—			
902	Water for premises occupied by tenants of the Board		21 6 –
	DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Colepeper, F.H.—(1774)—			
4890	Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Cartwright-street, Whitechapel (No. 639)	1,025 10 5	
Hansard, H., and Son—(1667)—			
4891	Copies of minutes of evidence and papers, July, 1882	50 17 6	
Pink, H. N.—(1746)—			
4892	Professional charges, October, 1882, to March, 1883, *re* Trafalgar-road scheme	14 18 –	
			1,091 5 11
	SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.		
Greenwood, J. and J.—(1738)—			
1248	Shoring, hoarding, &c., premises taken by the Board for improvements, quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
	Main Drainage and Main Sewers	7 8 11	
	Mapping and other Improvements	15 7 1	
	Street Improvements, 1877	375 10 8	
	Consolidated Loans Fund	815 13 1	
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	625 12 11	
			1,839 12 8
	Carried forward		£28,082 5 1

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	28,082 5 1
PETT, W.—(1690)—		
1249 Repairs to premises occupied by tenants of the Board, May, 1883—		
Consolidated Loans Fund	255 12 7	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	545 17 -	
		801 9 7
BROOKS, DAY AND SON—(1737)—		
1250 Lithography, quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	3 11 -	
Thames Floods Prevention	19 5 -	
		22 16 -
METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS, per Bank of England—(1744)—		
1251 Attendance of constables to protect property, quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
General Working Account	420 10 4	
Street Improvements, 1877	30 18 10	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	26 14 6	
		478 3 8
MARRIOTT, W. T., Q.C., M.P.—(1657)—		
1252 Counsel's fees, March to July, 1883—		
Street Improvements, 1877	318 3 6	
Tooley-street Extension, 1882	50 - 6	
		368 4 -
CASSON, H.—(1748)—		
1253 Counsel's fees, January to June, 1883—		
General Working Account	8 15 6	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	7 14 6	
Street Improvements, 1877	234 12 -	
Tooley-street Extension, 1882	8 15 6	
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	116 17 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	41 11 -	
		418 6 -
BESLEY, E. T. E.—(1683)—		
1254 Counsel's fees, January to June, 1883—		
General Working Account	56 6 6	
Consolidated Loans Fund	19 9 6	
		75 16 -
BAZALGETTE, C. N.—(1660)—		
1255 Counsel's fees, March to June, 1883—		
General Working Account	39 7 6	
Street Improvements, 1877	79 13 6	
		119 1 -
HODGES AND SON—(1669 —		
1256 Short-hand notes, April to July, 1883—		
General Working Account	19 13 6	
Street Improvements, 1877	2 18 -	
		22 11 6
PHILLIPS, J. AND J.—(1672 —		
1257 Fair-copying, stamps, &c., March to May, 1883—		
General Working Account	550 17 4	
Fire Brigade Working Account	2 13 -	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	2 4 -	
Street Improvements, 1877	189 8 7	
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	23 4 10	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	58 12 -	
		826 19 9
TILLING, T.—(1689)—		
1258 Hire of conveyances for committees on view, quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
General Working Account	25 13 -	
Fire Brigade Working Account	9 6 -	
		34 19 -
Carried forward		£31,250 11 7

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	...	31,250 11 7
Smith, J., and Eustace, E.—(1691)—			
1259	Commission on rents collected by them during the quarter to Midsummer, 1883—		
	Consolidated Loans Fund	58 8 –	
	Metropolis Bridges, 1877	– 7 6	
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	9 11 7	
			68 7 1
Gas Light and Coke Co.—(1767)—			
1260	Gas for premises occupied by the Board—		
	General Working Account	290 14 11	
	Metropolis Bridges, 1877	11 13 –	
			302 7 11
Transfer to Wages and Petty Disbursement Account—(1645)—			
	Repayment of advances—		
1261	Petty cash payments, 9th to 21st July, 1883—		
	a General Working Account £112 9 7		
	b Fire Brigade Working Account ... £15 15 6		
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... 1 3 6		
	16 19 –		
	c Street Improvements, 1877 ... ... – 9 3		
	d Metropolis Bridges, 1877 ... £ – 4 2		
	General Working Account ... 2 9 9		
	2 13 11		
	e Thames Floods Prevention ... ... – 19 3		
	133 11 –		
	Weekly pensions, to 21st July, 1883—		
	f Fire Brigade Working Account ... ... 2 10 –		
	Costs, *re* Child (Putney to Clapham)—		
	g Main Drainage and Main Sewers 1 11 6		
	Proportion of rent, *re* Latham (Piccadilly)—		
	h Consolidated Loans Fund 1 18 8		
	Amount withdrawn—		
	i Firemen's Savings Fund ... ... 1 – 2		
	Compensation to weekly tenants on removal—		
	j Street Improvements, 1877 ... ... 12 10 –		
	Postages, 9th to 21st July, 1883—		
	k General Working Account ... £35 – –		
	Fire Brigade Working Account ... 5 – –		
	40 – –		
		193 1 4	
	Expenses at fires and incidentals, June, 1883—		
	l Fire Brigade Working Account	331 – 10	
	Rent of lodgings for firemen, July, 1883—		
	m Fire Brigade Working Account	201 4 8	
	Weekly wages, two weeks to 25th July, 1883—		
	n General Working Account £1,606 7 8		
	Fire Brigade Working Account ... ... 1 12 –		
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... ... 31 – –		
	Main Drainage and Main Sewers ... ... 115 18 –		
	Metropolis Bridges, 1877 ... ... 28 10 –		
	Metropolis Bridges, 1881 ... ... 20 18 –		
	Street Improvements, 1877 ... ... 37 13 5		
	Thames Floods Prevention 51 2 10		
	Parks and Open Spaces... ... ... 6 6 –		
	Consolidated Loans Fund ... ... 28 14 –		
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund ... ... 63 18 –		
		1,991 19 11	
	Firemen's wages, two weeks to 28th July, 1883—		
	o Fire Brigade Working Account	1,963 7 2	
	Carried forward	£4,680 13 11	31,621 6 7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward							31,621	6	7
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT—(*continued*)							4,680	13	11
Amounts to be paid through the account—									
Bills for sums under £2—									
p General Working Account—									
Sax, J.—Repairs to electric bells at offices				£ - 12	3				
Halling, Pearce and Stone—Linoleum, &c., for office ...				1	9	7			
Kent Waterworks Co.—Repairs to hydrants				1	-	-			
Samuel, J.—Padlocks, &c., for Finsbury-park				1	-	9			
Head and Jefferies—Repairs to lawn-mower, Embankment gardens				-	16	9			
District Surveyors — Fees, *re* dangerous structures ...				9	8	9			
Parish, F.—Copy of list of witnesses, *re* Metropolitan Sewage discharge				1	3	4			
Whatcott, J.—Boots for lift-man				-	16	-			
New River Co.—Rent of drain, Finsbury-park				-	10	-			
Peak, H.—Compensation for cattle slaughtered				-	2	6			
Copies of Bills in Parliament—									
Fearn, W. F.				-	19	-			
Jordan, J....				-	6	-			
Heggerty, W.				-	18	-			
Brown, H. E.				1	4	-			
							20	6	11
q Fire Brigade Working Account—									
Glover, T., and Co.—Repairs to gas-meter, Tooting station ...				£ - 19	6				
Gas-meter Co.—Repairs to gas meter, Whitecross-street station				-	19	-			
Glover, G., and Co.—Repairs to gas-meter, Chandos-street station				-	19	-			
Steel and Jones—Local directories				-	13	6			
							3	11	-
Rates and taxes for premises occupied or taken by the Board—									
r General Working Account							205	1	1
s Fire Brigade Working Account							38	15	5
t Fire Brigade Working Account							59	14	3
u Consolidated Loans Fund							256	1	7
v Dwelling House Improvement Fund							7	10	8
							591	-	11
									5,271	14	10
									£36,893	1	5

Certified,
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant

Examined,
(*signed*) HENRY HARBEN,
JOHN TOLHURST,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
DONALD MUNRO,
THOS. J. WHITE,
CHAS. HARRIS,
W. H. DALTON.

The Report having been read and received,

It was **moved** by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and **resolved**—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £36,893 1s. 5d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was **moved** by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and **resolved**—That Fees, as specified in the Three series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and the series, numbered 1 to 21, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to D inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on Structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Carritt, E.	2	2 17 6	...	...	2 17 6
2	Clarkson, J.	1	2 2 6	...	...	2 2 6
3	Conder, A.	3	2 5 –	...	...	2 5 –
4	Fletcher, B.	5	5 – –	...	...	5 – –
5	Fowler, C.	3	1 17 6	...	...	1 17 6
6	Grose, V. J.	4	1 13 9	...	...	1 13 9
7	Hammond, F.	2	1 10 –	...	...	1 10 –
8	Hayward, C. F.	13	6 2 6	...	...	6 2 6
9	Hewitt, E. R.	6	7 2 6	...	...	7 2 6
10	Jennings, J.	2	3 7 6	...	...	3 7 6
11	Kerr, R.	1	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
12	Knightley, T. E.	2	2 5 –	...	...	2 5 –
13	Lansdown, G.	4	3 15 –	...	...	3 15 –
14	Large, W. A.	1	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
15	Markham, S. S.	11	10 15 –	...	...	10 15 –
16	Mathews, J. D.	4	3 10 –	...	..	3 10 –
17	Meeson, F. R.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
18	Notley, R. P.	2	1 15 –	...	...	1 15 –
19	Oliver, H.	9	10 2 6	...	...	10 2 6
20	Payne, A.	2	1 15 –	...	...	1 15 –
21	Porter, F. W.	6	6 15 –	...	...	6 15 –
22	Redman, J. B.	4	5 5 –	...	...	5 5 –
23	Stenning, A. R.	5	6 2 6	...	...	6 2 6
24	Walker, R.	10	10 18 9	...	...	10 18 9
25	Wallen, F.	3	3 5 –	...	...	3 5 –
26	Whichcord, J.	2	4 10 –	...	...	4 10 –
27	Woodthorpe, E.	4	4 7 6	...	...	4 7 6
28	Woodward, J. A. J.	6	5 15 –	...	...	5 15 –
		119	120 12 6	...	...	120 12 6

It was **moved** by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and **resolved**—That the undermentioned expenses, incident to shoring and hoarding Dangerous Structures, under the Metropolitan Building Acts, 1855 and 1869, be charged to the Owners of the respective properties, together with other expenses affecting the same, and be recovered according to law.

Case No.	Premises.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
26,337	62, Castle-street, Leicester-square	9 19 8
26,358	3, Leicester-street, „	2 2 1
26,741	36, Carr-street, Limehouse	- 10 -
26,742	38, „ „	- 10 -
26,828	278, Vauxhall-bridge-road, Pimlico...	2 6 9
26,869	12, Cottage-street, Poplar	1 11 8
27,024	5th house West side of Brackenbury-road, Hammersmith	1 5 11
27,261	20, Friendly-street, Deptford	5 17 -
27,274	63, Castle-street, Leicester-square	4 4 6
27,411	House corner of Adam-street and Swan-lane, Rotherhithe	20 9 4
27,427	14, Edward's-place, St. Marylebone	2 9 5
27,473	16, „ „	4 19 1
27,594	48, Quaker-street, Spitalfields	2 10 6
		£58 15 11

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Statement now submitted, showing the Salaries which will become payable to Officers of the Board on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £2,646 10s., be approved, and that the Treasurer of the Board, the London and Westminster Bank (Limited), be authorised to pay, on or after the 11th instant, the several sums specified in such Statement to the persons entitled to receive the same.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Statement now submitted, showing the Salaries which will become payable to Officers of the Board on the 25th September next, amounting to the sum of £8,769 8s. 8d., be approved, and that the Treasurer of the Board, the London and Westminster Bank (Limited), be authorised to pay, on or after the 25th September next, the several sums specified in such Statement to the persons entitled to receive the same.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £248 10s., in favour of the Westminster District Board, being one-half of the net cost, as agreed to be contributed by this Board, of effecting an Improvement in Gardener's-lane, Westminster; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £3,705, in favour of the Woolwich Local Board of Health, being the amount of this Board's contribution towards effecting an Improvement at Hare-street, Woolwich; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Vestry of Kensington, for permission to borrow a sum of £12,000 to defray the cost of wood-paving works, be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the sum of £10,000 be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that £5,000 be taken up at once, and £5,000 in October next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Six years; that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan; and that the Vestry be informed that they must apply in January next for the £2,000, if then required.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Lewisham District Board, for permission to borrow a sum of £2,920 to defray the cost of kerbing, channelling, paved crossings, tar and asphalte paving, and road widening, be granted, to the extent of £2,800; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum payable quarterly, on the 1st October,

the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal, as to £2,100, for kerbing, channelling, and paved crossings, being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Ten years, and as to £700, for tar and asphalte paving, and road widening, within a period of Six years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, and seconded—That the application of the Vestry of Bethnal-green, for permission to borrow a sum of £15,000, to defray the cost of new granite-paving works be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Twenty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

The motion having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board and the Treasury being obtained thereto, and also to the passing of the Board's Money Bill, now before Parliament, the application of the Guardians of the Holborn Union, for a Loan of a sum of £2,625, to defray the cost of works at their premises, be granted, to the extent of £2,600; that the amount be advanced by the Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up so soon as the requisite security can be prepared, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st of July, within a period of Fifteen years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Cheque, No. 5940, for £5 2s. 2d., drawn on the Street Improvements, 1877, Account, on the 16th April last, in favour of Messrs. Mills, Lockyer and Mills, be now cancelled; and the said Cheque was cancelled accordingly.

3. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 30th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

General Capital Account.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Bingham (Holborn)—(1692)—		
Hopwood and Sons—		
2638 Costs of Petition for carrying over Fund in Court...		21 6 6
Main Drainage and Main Sewers.		
Re Baxter (Putney to Clapham)—(1693)—		
Cooke, W. C.—		
995 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	16 - -	
Carried forward	£16 - -	21 6 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	16 - -	21 6 6
Re Holliday (Putney to Clapham)—(1694)—		
Baker and Nairne—		
996 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10 10 8	
		26 10 8
Metropolis Bridges, 1881.		
Re Pope (Putney)—(1695)—		
Pope, M.—		
448 Interest on Purchase-money, less Tenant's Rent, from 11th August, 1882, to 23rd July, 1883	32 9 8	
Re King (Putney)—(1696)—		
King, Mrs. S.—		
449 Purchase-money for Copyhold interest in Nos. 1 to 6 and court-way, Church-row, and Freehold interest in No. 3, Windsor-street, Putney	1,300 - -	
Peebles, A.—		
450 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	26 5 -	
Re Chapman's Trustees (Putney)—(1697)—		
Hare, E., and Dryden, A. E.—		
451 Purchase-money for Freehold interest in stables and premises in Albert-row, and Nos. 18 and 20, High-street, Putney	3,700 - -	
Lewis, F. and Co.—		
452 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	33 12 -	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
453 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	18 19 -	
Re Farmer (Putney)—(1698)—		
Burton, Yeates, Hart and Burton—		
454 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	14 3 -	
		5,124 19 8
Street Improvements, 1877.		
Re Wootton (Camberwell)—(1699)—		
Wootton and Son—		
6290 Costs of investment of purchase-money in land	123 11 7	
Re Frere (Charing-cross, &c.)—(1700 and 1701)—		
Frere, Forster and Co.—		
6291 Further Costs of Title, &c.	2 2 -	
6292 Interest on balance of purchase-money, from 26th July, 1882, to 16th July, 1883 (less Tax) ...	16 13 -	
Re Nelson (Gray's-inn-road)—(1702)—		
Lovell, Sons and Pitfield—		
6293 Proportion of Tenant's rent of No. 58, Gray's-inn-road, from Midsummer, 1882, to 6th April, 1883, and interest on purchase-money from 6th April to 18th July, 1883 (less Tax)	62 5 6	
Carried forward	£204 12 1	5,172 16 10

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	204 12 1	5,172 16 10
Re Buckmaster (Piccadilly)—(1703)—		
Allen and Sons—		
6294 Costs of Title and Conveyance	39 16 3	
Re Holland's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1704)—		
Hooper, A., Wroot, W. H., and Wroot, M. P.—		
6295 Purchase-money for Freehold of Nos. 32 and 32A, Greek-street, Soho	2,640 – –	
Horwood, J.—		
6296 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	28 7 –	
Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
6297 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	5 5 –	
Re Gardner (Piccadilly)—(1705)—		
Eyre, G. L. P., and Co.—		
6298 Costs of Title and Conveyance	40 12 –	
Re Ecclesiastical Commissioners and Marquis of Camden (Kentish-town-road)—(1706 and 1707)—		
Costs of Title and Conveyance, and in respect of investments—		
6299 White, Borrett and Co. ... £36 18 10		
6300 Capron, Daltons, Hitchins and Brabant 84 15 2		
	121 14 –	
Re Lindeman (Piccadilly)—(1708)—		
Collyer-Bristow, Withers, Russell and Hill—		
6301 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	23 8 2	
Re Klosz's Executors (Piccadilly)—(1709)—		
Allen and Sons—		
6302 Costs of Title and Conveyance	40 – –	
Re Unwin (Gray's-inn-road)—(1710)—		
Norris, W.—		
6303 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	6 7 –	
Re Phillips (Piccadilly)—(1711)—		
Lucas and Sons—		
6304 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	14 5 4	
Re Long (Piccadilly)—(1711)—		
Walker and Martineau—		
6305 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10 3 4	
Re Morris (Piccadilly)—(1713)—		
Morris, Mrs. C.—		
6306 Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 35, Great St. Andrew-street, including trade compensation	200 – –	
Young, A.—		
6307 Surveyor's Fee, as per order of Committee ...	7 7 –	
Re Bates (Piccadilly)—(1714)—		
Bates, John—		
6308 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in No. 6, Thorney-street	200 – –	
Carried forward	£3,586 17 2	5,172 16 10

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	3,586 17 2	5,172 16 10
	Baines, C., and Co.—		
6309	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	7 7 –	
	Ryde, E., and Son—(1715)—		
6310	Surveyors' Fees		
	Re Holker (Kentish-town-road)... £17 6 6		
	,, Sage (Gray's-inn-road) ... 35 3 6		
		52 10 –	
	Bonny, J. R.—(1716)		
6311	Surveyor's Fees, and as Witness—		
	Re Orme (Piccadilly) ... ... £12 12 –		
	,, Soltan's Trustees (Piccadilly)... 17 3 –		
	,, Lawrence (Piccadilly) ... 17 17 –		
	,, C. J. Smith (Piccadilly) ... 17 17 –		
		65 9 –	
	Collins, H. H.—(1717)		
6312	Surveyor's Fees, and as Witness—		
	Re Owen (Piccadilly) ... ... £14 – –		
	,, Tomkins and another (Piccadilly) 11 3 –		
	,, Salaman (Piccadilly) ... 42 – –		
	,, Guest's Trustees (Gray's-inn-road) 13 13 –		
		80 16 –	
	George, A. A.—(1719)—		
6313	Inspecting stock, and assistance on Trade claim, *re* Godfrey (Piccadilly)	15 15 –	
	Re Keene (Piccadilly)—(1726)—		
	Keene J. F.—		
6314	Half-quarter's Rent of No. 26, Grafton-street, Soho, from Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	7 19 1	
	Re Osborne (Piccadilly)—(1727)—		
	Osborne, Geo.—		
6315	Purchase-money for Yearly Tenancy in No. 5, Thorney-street	50 – –	
	Re Neville (Piccadilly)—(1728)—		
	Neville, Wm.—		
6316	Compensation for Weekly Tenancy in part of No. 5, Thorney-street...	35 – –	
6317	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	3 3 –	
			3,904 16 3
	Consolidated Loans Fund.		
	Re Johnson's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1720)—		
	Garrard, James and Wolfe—		
900	Rent of premises, Nos. 21 to 23, Grafton-street, and No. 16 Litchfield-street, from Midsummer to 20th July, 1883 (less Tax)	20 18 6	
	Re Long (Piccadilly)—(1721)—		
	Walker, Martineau and Co.—		
901	Rent of part of No. 40, Wardour-street, and proportion of current outgoings from Midsummer, to 13th July, 1883	4 2 8	
			25 1 2
	Carried forward		£9,102 14 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		9,102 14 3
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Bohli (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1723)— Mote, E. and W.— 4886 Interest on Purchase-money, from 20th March to 20th July, 1883 (less Tax)	5 1 2	
Re Goodchild (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1723)— Goodchild, W. J.— 4887 Proportion of Tenant's Rent of coach-house in Sydney-place and No. 1*, Dock-street, from Christmas, 1882, to 2nd February, 1883, (less Tax)	2 7 11	
Re Dyer (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1724)— Lamb, Brooks and Sherwood— 4888 Proportion of Tenants' Rent of Nos. 4A and 5, India-row, from Midsummer, 1882, to 25th July, 1883 (less Tax)	3 3 5	
Re Jones's Trustees (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1725)— White, W., and Jones, L. M. B.— 4889 Purchase-money for Fee-simple in No. 6, Wells-street, Poplar...	120 - -	
		130 12 6
		£9,233 6 9

Your Committee submit, for the information of the Board, a marked Catalogue and account of sale of materials, fixtures, and utensils of the "Red Lion" and "Black Bull" Public-houses, in Gray's-inn-road, by Messrs. Horne, Eversfield and Co., on 10th May last—

Produce of sale	£94 15 -
Commission, £7 10s. per cent.	7 2 -
Amount received by Board, 10th July, 1883	£87 13 -

Your Committee have proceeded on the reference by the Board of the 20th instant (No. 6), on the question of attaching a special condition to the Resolutions of the Board, when voting grants of money in aid of Local Improvements, with reference to the re-payment of Loans taken up for carrying out such works. Your Committee have had before them a form of Resolution, prepared by your Solicitor, for the purpose, and they beg to submit the same as follows, and to recommend—

That it be approved, and be applied to future Loans, and to those not already carried out, viz.—

"That, whenever a contribution is agreed by this Board to be made to the cost of a "Local Improvement, to be effected by a Vestry or District Board, such contribu- "tion shall be, and shall be expressed to be, agreed to be made upon condition that "if any money shall then have been, or shall thereafter be, advanced by this Board "upon Loan to such Vestry or District Board for the purposes of such Improvement, "such Vestry or District Board shall, simultaneously with the payment by this "Board of such contribution, re-pay to this Board, in discharge or part payment of "any principal money then remaining due to this Board in respect of such Loan, "such a sum (if any) as shall be certified by the Accountant of this Board to be "proper, after giving credit for all proper deductions, to be then re-paid to this "Board, in order, as near as may be, to place this Board and such Vestry or District "Board in the same position in respect of such Loan as they would have been if

"such Loan had originally been for a sum equal in amount to the net cost of such "Improvement (when less than the estimated cost) after deducting the amount of "such agreed contribution."

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter, referred by the Board on the 20th instant (No. 42), from the Vestry of St. Anne, Westminster, asking that the new street in place of Hayes-court may be made of the same width as Greek-street. The Board on the 6th instant (No. 9) decided, on the recommendation of your Committee, to construct a street, 30 feet in width, in place of Hayes-court, and, having carefully reviewed the matter, your Committee are unable to see any sufficient ground for a departure from that decision. Your Committee recommend—

That a reply be addressed to the Vestry to that effect.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter, referred on the 25th May last (No. 43), from Mr. Cavey, with regard to rent due to the Board in respect of property in the Griffin Manor-way, Plumstead. Having had before them a full Report as to the facts of the case, your Committee recommend—

That they be authorised to arrange for a settlement of the matter, on terms advised by the Engineer and the Solicitor.

Your Committee beg to recommend that the reference by the Board on the 1st ultimo (No. 43), of the Letter from the Fulham District Board, with suggestions as to certain works at Brook-green, be discharged, the matter having been dealt with by the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. Mc GAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
JOHN TOLHURST,
Wm. SHEPHERD,
W. H. DALTON,
GEO. EDWARDS,
GEO. HILL,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The marked Catalogue and Account of sale of materials, fixtures, and utensils of the "Red Lion" and "Black Bull" Public-houses, in Gray's-inn-road, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, whenever a contribution is agreed by this Board to be made to the cost of a Local Improvement, to be effected by a Vestry or District Board, such contribution shall be, and shall be expressed to be, agreed to be made upon condition that if any money shall then have been, or shall thereafter be, advanced by this Board upon Loan to such Vestry or District Board, for the purposes of such Improvement, such Vestry or District Board shall, simultaneously with the payment by this Board of such contribution, re-pay to this Board, in discharge or part payment of any principal money then remaining due to this Board, in respect of such Loan, such a sum (if any) as shall be certified by the Accountant of this Board to be proper, after giving credit for all proper deductions, to be then re-paid to this Board, in order, as near as may be, to place this Board and such Vestry or District Board in the same position in respect of such Loan as they would have been if such Loan had originally been for a sum equal in amount to the net cost of such Improvement (when less than the estimated cost) after deducting the amount of such agreed contribution, and that this Regulation do apply to the cases of Loans not yet completed, and to all future Loans.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of St. Anne, Westminster, be informed, in reply to their Letter, asking that the new street to be formed in place of Hayes-court may be made of the same width as Greek-street, that the Board see no reason to depart from their previous decision to construct the proposed street of the width of 30 feet.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Committee be authorised to arrange for a settlement of the rent due to the Board from the representatives of the late Mr. Cavey, in respect of property in the Griffin Manor-way, Plumstead, on the terms advised by the Engineer and the Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from the Fulham District Board, containing suggestions as to certain works at Brook-green, be discharged.

4. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 2nd August, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, in accordance with the reference made to them on 29th June last, they have considered the question whether the Board should require that the Floating Swimming Bath at the upper side of Charing-cross Bridge should be removed, in order to make way for one of the Floating Steam Fire Engines, which the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade had recommended should be moored in that part of the River. The site is occupied, during the pleasure of the Board, by the Swimming Bath Company, and the Board can require the removal of the Bath at any time upon giving one month's notice. The reason, however, which induced the Board to allow the Bath to be placed where it is in the first instance, which was, that it was likely to be a convenience to the public, still appears to exist, and your Committee are of opinion that the Board will probably not wish to require the removal of the Bath, if other suitable arrangements can be made for the Fire Brigade. There is a Pier at the lower side of Waterloo Bridge, which is now occupied by the Thames Police, at which it would seem that a Floating Fire Engine might be moored without interfering with the use of the Pier by the Police. The Commissioner of Police having been communicated with, has stated that, so far as the Police are concerned, not only is there no objection to the Floating Fire Engine being placed alongside the Pier, but, on the contrary, it is considered that the arrangement would be an excellent one. The Conservators of the Thames, who have also been communicated with, state that they have no objection to a Floating Fire Engine lying alongside the Pier, for a period of Two months, on trial, and they suggest that a screw vessel should be placed there, and not one propelled by paddles, so that the navigation of the arch of the Bridge may be interfered with as little as possible. Your Committee are of opinion that a Fire Float should be placed at the Pier in question, and they recommend—

> That the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade be instructed accordingly, and that he be authorised to make any arrangements with the Thames Conservators and the Police, which may be necessary to enable the Pier to be made of the greatest convenience to the Brigade, without interfering with its use by the Police.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 20th ultimo (No. 35), from the Woolwich Local Board of Health, in reply to this Board's Letter, setting forth the difficulties in the way of complying with the proposition of this Board for the removal of the houses on the North side of Prospect-row, Woolwich, and for the widening of the thoroughfare to 40 feet throughout, and expressing a hope that this Board will, upon further consideration of the matter, consent to grant a contribution of a moiety of the cost (£2,400) of the Improvement, as originally proposed. In accordance with the reference made to them, your Committee have again given

attention to the matter, but they see no reason to depart from the views which they have already reported, and they recommend—

That the Woolwich Local Board be informed that this Board regret that they are compelled to adhere to their previous opinion, that the Improvement, as proposed, is not adequate to the necessities of the case.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 13th April last (No. 41), from the Saint Saviour's District Board, relative to the urgent necessity that exists for the formation of a new street by the opening up of a thoroughfare from Park-street and Sumner-street, to a point nearly opposite Mason's-stairs, Bankside, as shown on the Plan accompanying the Letter, the total cost of which, exclusive of legal and other professional expenses, is estimated at £12,825, and expressing a hope that this Board will see fit to carry out the same as a Metropolitan Improvement. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and are unable to regard the proposed Improvement as a Metropolitan work, but they consider that it would be a desirable Local Improvement. They beg to recommend—

That the District Board be informed to that effect in reply to their Letter.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Poplar District Board, forwarding a Plan of a proposed thoroughfare from Preston's-road to Cotton-street. and asking the Board to carry it out as a Metropolitan Improvement, and the Memorial from householders in the immediate neighbourhood, urging the Board not to sanction the proposed work, referred by the Board on 22nd December, 1882 (No. 2). The District Board request that this Board, having regard to the open space cleared under the provisions of the Wells-street, Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act Scheme, will carry out the Improvement as a Metropolitan work. The Memorial of the householders urges the Board to withhold their sanction to the scheme, which, it is stated, would entail heavy expenditure, would be no improvement, and appears to be quite unnecessary. Your Committee, having viewed the locality, cannot concur in the opinions expressed by the householders, on the contrary, they consider the Improvement to be of a valuable character, though in their judgment it does not come within the limits of the class of Improvements to which the term "Metropolitan" is applicable. Provided, however, that the District Board are willing to bear their share of the expense, your Committee think that the Improvement is well worthy the favourable consideration of the Board, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That, upon condition that the Poplar District Board will pay one-half of the cost of making the suggested thoroughfare, this Board do include the Improvement in some Bill to be promoted by them in the next Session of Parliament.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. H. DALTON,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
WM. SHEPHERD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do avail themselves of the permission granted by the Conservators of the Thames for one of the Floating Fire-engines to lie alongside the Pier on the East side of Waterloo Bridge for a period of two months, on trial; that the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade be instructed to place at the Pier one of the Floating-engines propelled by screws, and that he be authorised to make such arrangements with the Conservators and with the Officers

of the Thames division of Police as may be necessary to admit of the Pier being made of the greatest convenience to the Fire Brigade, without interfering with its use by the Police.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Woolwich Local Board of Health be informed, in reply to their further Letter on the subject of the proposed Improvement in Prospect-row, Woolwich, that this Board regret that they are compelled to adhere to their previous opinion that the Improvement, as proposed, is not adequate to the necessities of the case.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the St. Saviour's District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter asking this Board to open up a thoroughfare from Park-street and Sumner-street to Bankside, that this Board are unable to regard the proposed work as one of a Metropolitan character, but that they consider that it would be a desirable Local Improvement.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, upon condition that the Poplar District Board will contribute one-half of the cost of the suggested thoroughfare from Preston's-road to Cotton-street, this Board do include the Improvement in one of their Bills to be promoted in the next Session of Parliament.

5. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 24th July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 29th June last (No. 11), they have considered the question of incorporating Silver-street, Golden-square, with Beak-street, under the latter name. Your Committee learn from your Superintending Architect that a Memorial has been signed by 35 residents in Silver-street, praying that the thoroughfare in question may be incorporated with Beak-street, and pointing out that there are 13 other streets named Silver-street, within the Metropolis. The application is supported by the Vestry of St. James, Westminster; and your Committee, concurring with the Vestry in thinking the alteration desirable, recommend—

That Beak-street and Silver-street, St. James, Westminster, be incorporated under the name "Beak-street, W.," and the houses re-numbered.

Your Committee have further to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz.—

DATE.	APPLICATION.
22nd March, 1882.	Poplar District Board, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the District.
22nd April, 1882.	Vestry of Bethnal-green, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Parish.
1st June, 1882.	Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Hamlet.
16th November, 1882.	Fulham District Board, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in Hammersmith.
24th February, 1881.	Vestry of Lambeth, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Parish.
2nd December, 1882.	Vestry of Islington, for re-numbering the houses and abolishing the subsidiary names in a portion of Tufnell-park-road.
29th May, 1883.	Owners and Occupiers of property in Obligation-road, Streatham, for re-naming that thoroughfare.
May, 1883.	Mr. Chester Cheston, for re-naming that portion of Alkham-road, extending from Grove-road to Portland-avenue, Stamford-hill, "Darenth-road," in continuation of the road so named, extending from Clapton-road to Portland-avenue.

4th July, 1883. Mrs. Catherine Davies, asking that No. 2, South Eaton-place may be re-numbered and described as "62A, Eaton-square."

19th July, 1883. Mr. H. Maw, complaining of inconvenience caused by the alteration of the name Plough-lane West, New Wandsworth, to "Plough-terrace."

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That the subsidiary names in Furze-street, Bromley, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Glaucus-street, Bromley, be re-numbered.

That Sherwood-street and Upper Sherwood-street, Bromley, be incorporated under the name "Sherwood-street, E.," the subsidiary name abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary name in Tibbatt's-road, Bromley, be abolished and the houses re-numbered.

That Bartholomew-place, Cudworth-street, and Newport-street, Bethnal-green, be incorporated under the name "Cudworth-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Ramsey-street, Bethnal-green, be re-numbered.

That Somerford-street and New Somerford-street, Bethnal-green, be incorporated under the name "Somerford-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Tapp-street, Bethnal-green, be re-numbered.

That Albert-street, Cambridge-road, Mile-end Old-town, be re-named "Entick-street, E.," the subsidiary names abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Crown-street, West-end, Hammersmith, be re-named "Miles-street, W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Grove-road, West-end, Hammersmith, be re-named "Standish-road, W.," the subsidiary names abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Victoria-road and Starch-green-road, Hammersmith, be incorporated under the name "Starch-green-road, W.," the subsidiary names abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Cornwall-street, Brixton-hill, be re-named "Tregenna-street, S.W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Elizabeth-street, Brixton-hill, be re-named "Bartley-street, S.W.," the subsidiary name abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Frederick-street, Brixton-hill, be re-named "Prague-street, S.W.," the subsidiary name abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Victoria-street, Brixton-hill, be re-named "Vicary-street, S.W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Tufnell-park-road, Islington, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Obligation-road, in the Parishes of Streatham and Wandsworth, be re-named "Beechcroft-road, S.W."

That the portion of Alkham-road, extending from Grove-road to Portland-avenue, Stamford-hill, be re-named "Darenth-road," in continuation of the road extending from Clapton-road to Portland-avenue.

That Mrs. Davies be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to re-number and describe the house, No. 2, South Eaton-place, as "62A, Eaton-square."

That Mr. Maw be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board are not now disposed to vary their Order for re-naming Plough-terrace, Battersea, "Strath-terrace, S.W."

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
W. R. SELWAY,
A. EWIN,
DONALD MUNRO,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Beak-street and Silver-street, in the Parish of St. James, Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,134, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 81, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 54, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Silver-street, and any other name or names now in use in Beak-street and Silver-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Beak-street, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of St. James, Westminster, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Furze-street, in the Parish of St. Leonard, Bromley, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,135, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 21, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 34, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the name Pearman'sc-ottages, and any other name or names now in use in Furze-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Furze-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in Glaucus-street, in the Parish of St. Leonard, Bromley, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,136, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 49, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 70, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line be called "Glaucus-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, have been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the

provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Sherwood-street and Upper Sherwood-street, in the Parish of St. Leonard, Bromley, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,137, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 85, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 36, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Upper Sherwood-street, The Cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Sherwood-street and Upper Sherwood-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Sherwood-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Tibbatt's-road, in the Parish of St. Leonard's, Bromley, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,138, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 33, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 48, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the name Prosser's-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Tibbatt's-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Tibbatt's-road, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Bartholomew-place, Cudworth-street and Newport-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,139, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 63, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 50, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Bartholomew-place, Newport-street, and any other name or names now in use in Bartholomew-place, Cudworth-street and Newport-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Cudworth-street, E, and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Ramsey-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,140, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 19, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 44, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Ramsey-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of New Somerford-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,141, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 47, and ending with 85, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side; and the even numbers, commencing with 58, and ending with 72, to those on the Southern side, in continuation of those in Somerford-street; that the names New Somerford-street, Octagon-place, and any other name or names now in use in New Somerford-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Somerford-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Tapp-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,142, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 37, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 14, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Tapp-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the

provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in Albert-street, Cambridge-road, in the Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,143, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 51, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 36, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Albert-street, Charlotte-cottages, Victoria-place, Colebrook-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Albert-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line be called "Entick-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Crown-street, West-end, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,144, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 31, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 30, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the name Crown-street, and any other name or names now in use in Crown-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Miles-street, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Grove-road, West-end, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,145, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 21, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 40, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the names Grove-road, Grove-cottages, Veira-cottages, Brunswick-cottages, Waterworks-cottages, or Place, and any other name or names now in use in Grove-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Standish-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed

by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Starch-green-road, and Victoria-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,146, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 183, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 240, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Victoria-road, Spring-place, Briar-villas, Briar-cottages, Priory-terrace, Plantation-place, Cobbold-terrace, The Parade, Eagle-terrace, Carrara-villas, Holyrood-villas, Davisville-terrace, Orchard-terrace, Victoria-terrace, Lavinia-terrace, Lavinia-cottages, The Broadway, Lycett-place, Albert-place, Keith-place, and any other name or names now in use in Starch-green-road and Victoria-road, and the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Starch-green-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Cornwall-street, Brixton-hill, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,147, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 39, being assigned to the houses on the Western side; and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 46, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name Cornwall-street, and any other name or names now in use in Cornwall-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Tregenna-street, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in Elizabeth-street, Brixton-hill, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,148, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 41, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 52, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Elizabeth-street, Elizabeth-place, and any other name or names now in use in Elizabeth-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line be called "Bartley-street, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the

Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.'

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Frederick-street, Brixton-hill, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,149. in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 23, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 32, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Frederick-street, Bishopstone-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Frederick-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Prague-street, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Victoria-street, Brixton-hill, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,150, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 35, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers commencing with 2 and ending with 42, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name Victoria-street, and any other name or names now in use in Victoria-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Vicary-street, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the Western portion of the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Tufnell-park-road, in the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,151, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 163 and ending with 249, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 162 and ending with 256, to those on the Northern side; that the names Lady Margaret-terrace, Lincoln-terrace, Spalding-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Tufnell-park-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Tufnell-park-road, N.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of

Islington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 24th day of July, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That Obligation-road, in the respective Parishes of Streatham and Wandsworth, in the County of Surrey, be re-named "Beechcroft-road, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and resolved—That the portion of Alkham-road extending from Grove-road to Portland-avenue, Stamford-hill, be re-named "Darenth-road," in continuation of the road extending from Clapton-road to Portland-avenue.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and resolved—That Mrs. Davies be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to re-number and describe the house, No. 2, South Eaton-place, as "62A, Eaton-square."

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and resolved—That Mr. Maw be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board are not now disposed to vary their Order for re-naming Plough-terrace, on the South-Eastern side of St. John's-hill, Battersea, "Strath-terrace, S.W."

6. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 31st July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Mrs. Brien, for approval by the Board of the construction of a drying shed at her premises in Galley-wall-road, South Bermondsey, referred by the Board on the 2nd February last (No. 63). The applicant carries on an offensive business at the premises in question, and the proposed building is to be in substitution for some old sheds on ground taken by the School Board as a play-ground for their Galley-wall School. Your Committee recently visited the premises, and have arrived at the conclusion that it is undesirable to offer any objection to the erection of the proposed building, and they recommend—

That, if the Board decide to grant the application on the recommendation of the Building Act Committee, the Board's assent should be subject to the building being constructed in accordance with their Bye-laws for regulating the business of a Fat Melter and Extractor.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had before them an amended application from Mr. John Utz, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle at No. 212, Saint Leonard's-road, Bromley-by-Bow, and they recommend—

That Friday the 28th September next, at One o'clock p.m., be fixed for hearing the application, and that the Clerk be instructed to issue the necessary Notice of the hearing.

Your Committee have further to report that proceedings have been taken against the following persons—

Mr. G. Tye, who was fined 20s. and 2s. costs for unlawful slaughtering at No. 49, Weedington-road, Kentish-town.

Mr. F. Stone, who was fined £3 and costs on each of two Summonses, or £6 4s. 0d. in all, for infringements of the Board's Slaughterhouse Bye-laws at No. 152, High-street, Deptford.

Your Committee have also to report that they have had before them the Letter from the Vestry of Kensington, relative to the serious nature of the nuisance caused by the collection of putrid animal matter at Marine-store shops, and suggesting the desirability of the "business" of a Marine-store dealer being declared an offensive business, under the 3rd Section of the Slaughterhouses, &c., (Metropolis) Act, 1874. The businesses dealt with by the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Act are businesses such as Manure-manufacturers, Soap-boilers, Fellmongers, &c., which include processes of manufacture which are of a more or less offensive character. Your Committee are of opinion that the mere collection of a mass of refuse matter into one place is not a "business" within the meaning and intention of the Section referred to; and that any nuisance arising from such a source should be dealt with under the Nuisances Removal Act, which was clearly intended to apply to such cases. Your Committee recommend—

That the Vestry be informed that the Board are not prepared to make the Order suggested; and that they are of opinion that any nuisances arising from the source mentioned could probably be dealt with by the Vestry under the Nuisances Removal Acts.

Your Superintending Architect has reported to your Committee that the Gas-meter Testing-office, in White Lion-street, Shoreditch, is in need of repair and re-painting, and that certain other works are necessary for putting the premises into good condition. These include alterations to the entrance gates, the raising of a parapet wall, and the formation of a new window, and other works; and your Superintending Architect has prepared a Specification of the works, and an estimate of their cost. Your Committee have inspected the premises, and have satisfied themselves as to the necessity for the proposed works, and they recommend—

That the repairs, re-painting and alterations referred to be executed, at a cost not exceeding £250, and that the Superintending Architect be authorised to obtain Tenders, and to take other steps necessary for the execution of the works during the Recess.

Your Committee have had under consideration a Letter from the Gas Referees, asking whether the Board approved of a proposed provisional arrangement for testing the Gas supplied at Chelsea, and which is manufactured at works which formerly belonged to the London Gas Company. Chelsea forms part of the district hitherto supplied by the London Gas Company, and although the Board's Testing-station at Carlyle-square is within the district, it has only hitherto been used for testing the Gas manufactured at the Fulham works of the Gas Light and Coke Company, and used in other parts of the Metropolis. In consequence of the recent amalgamation of the London Gas Company with the Gas Light and Coke Company the Gas supplied in what was the district of the former Company must now be tested, and it is proposed that this shall be provisionally tested at the existing Station. Your Committee see no objection to this arrangement, but it is at the same time desirable that the Referees should be asked to explain what provision they propose to make for testing the Gas in the remainder of the district formerly supplied by the London Company. Your Committee submit the Letter from the Referees, and recommend—

That they be informed that the Board do not object to the proposed arrangement being tried experimentally.

Your Committee have further to report, for the information of the Board, that Mr. Dethridge, Inspector of Meters at the Southwark Testing-office, is absent from his duties through illness, and has sent in a Certificate from his Medical adviser to the effect that he requires a lengthened period of rest and change of air. Mr. Mills, the Inspector at the Westminster Testing-office, has been entrusted with the temporary supervision of the work at the Southwark office during Mr. Dethridge's absence.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration three applications for renewal of registration under the Infant Life Protection Act. The arrangements for the keeping of the Infants which are in the care of the applicants continue to be satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That the applications of the following persons for renewal of registration for the keeping of Infants at the premises named, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law in each case, fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises as follows—

Mrs. Rosianna Brown, No. 4, Maudsley-cottages, Elder-road, Lower Norwood, Three infants.

Miss Maria Upton Ward, No. 45, King Henry's-walk, Ball's-pond-road, Islington, Two infants.

Mrs. Matilda Muncey, No. 3, Halford-road, North-end-road, Fulham, Three Infants.

Your Committee have also had under consideration an application from Mrs. Ann Farmer, for registration for the keeping of Infants at No. 10, Douglas-street, High-street, Deptford. Mrs. Farmer has submitted the necessary Certificate of character, and the accommodation provided appears to be suitable for the number of Infants proposed to be kept. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the application of Mrs. Ann Farmer, for registration for the keeping of Infants at No. 10, Douglas-street, High-street, Deptford, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law fixing Two as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

Your Committee submit applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum, as under—

Messrs. Dallett and Co., Soap works, High-street, Putney, 250 gallons.

Messrs. Daintree and Co., Cleansing works, No. 365, Southwark-park-road, 1,000 gallons.

Mr. W. C. Barnes, Phœnix Chemical works, Hackney-wick.

Messrs. Grindley and Co., Bromfield-street, Upper North-street, Poplar, 500 gallons.

Messrs. E. Catchpole and Sons, Plough-road, Deptford, 2,000 gallons.

Messrs. Siemens Brothers and Co., Trinity-street, Woolwich, 3,000 gallons.

Mr. W. V. Aldridge, No. 27, Islington-green, 200 gallons.

and they recommend—

That Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in accordance with the conditions named in the special Licenses submitted herewith.

Your Committee also submit a list of 198 applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum in small quantities, and they recommend—

That in 169 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in seven cases Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum at the places named, in Stores situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90; and that in 22 cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
JOHN RUNTZ.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, and the Letter from the Gas Referees, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That, in the event of the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Mrs. Brien, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a drying shed at her premises in Galley-wall-road, South Bermondsey, being granted by the Board, on the recommendation of the Building Act Committee, the assent of the Board be given subject to the building being constructed in accordance with the Board's Bye-laws for regulating the business of a Fat Melter and Extractor.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That Friday, the 28th September, next, at One o'clock p.m., be fixed for hearing the application of Mr. John Utz, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle, at No. 212, St. Leonard's road, Bromley-by-Bow, and that the Clerk be instructed to issue the necessary Notice of the hearing.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Vestry of Kensington be informed, in reply to their suggestion as to the desirability of the business of a Marine-store dealer being declared an offensive business under the provisions of Section 3 of the Slaughterhouses, &c., Act, that the Board are not prepared to make the Order suggested; and that they are of opinion that any nuisances arising from the source referred to could probably be dealt with by the Vestry under the Nuisances Removal Acts.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That certain repairs, re-painting, alterations, and other works referred to in the Report of the Committee, be executed at the Gas-meter Testing-station in White Lion-street, Shoreditch, at a cost not exceeding £250, and that the Superintending Architect be authorised to obtain Tenders for their execution, and to take the steps necessary for the carrying out of the works during the Recess.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, and seconded—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Gas Referees, asking whether the Board approved of a proposed provisional arrangement for testing the Gas supplied in the district of Chelsea, and which is manufactured at the Station which formerly belonged to the London Gas Company, at the Carlyle-square Testing-place of the Gas Light and Coke Company, be approved, and that the Referees be informed that the Board do not object to the arrangement being tried experimentally.

An **amendment** thereon was **moved** by Mr. Runtz, and seconded by Mr. Selway—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, there were for it 14, against it 4, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an **original motion** it was also carried; and it was **resolved** accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That the registration of the following persons and premises under the Infant Life Protection Act, be renewed, and that the Board do hereby make Bye-laws fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept on such premises, as follows—

Mrs. Rosianna Brown, No. 4, Maudsley-cottages, Elder-road, Lower Norwood, Three infants.

Miss Maria Upton Ward, No. 45 King Henry's-walk, Ball's-pond-road, Islington, Two Infants.

Mrs. Matilda Muncey, No. 3, Halford-road, North-end-road, Fulham, Three Infants.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That Mrs. Ann Farmer be registered under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at No. 10, Douglas-street, High-street, Deptford, and that the Board do hereby make a Bye-law fixing Two as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That Licenses to keep Petroleum, in accordance with the conditions named in the Licenses now submitted, be granted to the undermentioned persons—

Messrs. Dallett and Co., Soap works, High-street, Putney, 250 gallons.

Messrs. Daintree and Co., Cleaning works, No. 365, Southwark-park-road, 1,000 gallons.

Mr. W. C. Barnes, Phœnix Chemical works, Hackney-wick.

Messrs. Grindley and Co., Bromfield-street, Upper North-street, Poplar, 500 gallons.

Messrs. E. Catchpole and Sons, Plough-road, Deptford, 2,000 gallons.

Messrs. Siemens Brothers and Co., Trinity-street, Woolwich, 3,000 gallons.

Mr. W. V. Aldridge, No. 27, Islington-green, 200 gallons.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the 198 persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places, and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolution were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

7. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 31st July, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, during the fortnight ended the 28th instant, Passes have been issued for the removal of 4,726 animals from the Metropolitan Cattle Market out of the Metropolis for the purpose of slaughter, making a total of 7,753 animals so removed since the 1st instant.

Your Committee have further to report that they have examined the Accounts of the Cattle Inspectors for examining and reporting upon the condition of affected animals, and those supposed to be diseased, and for superintending the slaughter of Cattle affected with pleuro-pneumonia and horses affected with glanders and farcy, for the Quarter ended 30th June last, amounting to £304 9s., and that they have approved and certified the same for payment, as follows—

Name of Inspectors.	Districts for which acting.	Period of service.	Amount.
		1883.	£ s. d.
Mr. W. Hunting ...	Westminster and Chelsea	1st April to 30th June.	5 15 0
„ F. H. Ridler ...	Kensington, Fulham and Hammersmith	Ditto	19 8 0
„ E. Woodger ...	Marylebone and Paddington	Ditto	26 5 0
„ A. Broad	Hampstead and St. Pancras	Ditto	41 2 6
„ H. J. Shaw ...	Finsbury, Tower Hamlets, &c. ...	Ditto	99 0 0
„ G. Tegg	Hackney and Stoke Newington ...	Ditto	18 0 9
„ H. Davis	Woolwich, Plumstead and Charlton ...	Ditto	14 5 6
„ F. R. Ingersoll ...	Lewisham, Greenwich, Lee, &c. ...	Ditto	21 13 6
„ H. Springett ...	Lambeth, Camberwell and Sydenham	Ditto	41 19 6
„ J. I. Lupton ...	Wandsworth, Battersea and Clapham	Ditto	11 6 0
„ C. Lowe	Southwark	Ditto	5 13 3
			£304 9 0

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
JOHN RUNTZ.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

8. Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 1st August, 1883.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the danger to persons passing along a footpath in Finsbury-park, lying between the Cricket-ground and the New River. The fence of the Cricket-ground at that point is only 4 feet high, and a ball driven over the fence is thus liable to strike any person passing. Your Committee consider that it is the duty of the Board to provide reasonable protection for persons entering the Park by the footpath referred to, and they therefore recommend that an expenditure of £25 be sanctioned for the purpose of placing a wire protection along the top of the fence.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 20th ultimo (No. 12), your Committee have further considered the draft Regulations for the Children's Gymnasium in Finsbury-park. It will be remembered that these Regulations were referred back by the Board, on the ground that the Members had not had sufficient opportunity of considering them. Your Committee have again had a copy sent to each Member of the Board, and they beg to submit the draft herewith, and to recommend that the Regulations be approved.

Your Committee have also considered further as to the amended Regulations for the playing of Lawn-tennis in Finsbury-park, referred back to them on the 20th ultimo (No. 12). In accordance with the suggestion made by the Board, your Committee have inserted in the Regulations words which will prevent the use of the Lawn-tennis ground by any persons on Sundays; but they have nothing beyond that to add to their previous recommendation. A copy of these draft Rules has also been sent to each Member of the Board, and your Committee beg to submit the same herewith, and to recommend—

That the Regulations be approved.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the desirablility of tar-paving certain paths at the entrances, and in otner portions of Finsbury-park. Your Committee have visited the Park, and have satisfied themselves as to the desirability of carrying out the work, and they beg to submit herewith a Plan showing the position and extent of the paths referred to; and to recommend—

That the work be executed at an estimated cost of £650.

Your Committee have had before them the Letter from the Park Band Society, referred by the Board on the 20th ultimo (No. 38), referring to the permission given to them by the Board for one of the Society's Bands to play in Southwark-park on Sundays, and requesting permission to let Chairs and sell Programmes during such performances, with a view to defraying the whole or a portion of the expense connected therewith. Having regard to the course taken by the Board with regard to Finsbury-park, and to the fact that the proceedings there are now carried out in a very satisfactory manner, your Committee are of opinion that a similar Resolution should be adopted with regard to the Band in Southwark-park, and they therefore recommend—

That the Board do offer no objection to the selling of Programmes and the letting of Chairs in Southwark-park, by the Park Band Society during the playing of the Society's Band on Sundays, on condition that no Programmes be sold at the entrances to the Park, and that nothing beyond the particulars of the music to be played be printed on the Programmes.

Your Committee have to report that the new Gymnasium in Southwark-park is now nearly ready for use, and that it is desirable, before opening it to the public, to make Regulations for its management. Your Committee submit a copy of the

Regulations in force with respect to the Gymnasium in the Finsbury-park, and they recommend—

That Regulations, based on those now in force with respect to the Gymnasium in Finsbury-park, be approved for Southwark-park.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 57), from Mr. R. Fairbairn, Honorary Secretary of the Political Committee of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, to the effect that the Society propose to exercise what they claim to be their right of Public Meeting in the Parks and on the Open Spaces under the control of the Board. Your Committee are of opinion that discretionary powers should be given to your Solicitor in the event of Meetings being held, to take such proceedings, as he may deem desirable during the ensuing Recess. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That such authority be given to your Solicitor.

An application has been made to your Committee by Mr. J. Brown, who turns out sheep on Wormwood-scrubs, for permission to place a movable hut on the Scrubs, for the accommodation of his shepherd, and also that the Board would provide a water-trough for the use of the sheep on the Scrubs. As it is an advantage to the Board to have sheep on this Open Space for the benefit of the grass, your Committee are of opinion that, subject to the approval of the War Office, the necessary permission should be given to Mr. Brown to place the hut on the non-military portion of the Scrubs, and that the Board should, subject to a like approval, provide a water-trough for the use of the sheep; and they recommend accordingly.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter from Mr. G. Smith, asking permission for the "Salvation Army" to hold religious meetings on Hampstead-heath, referred by the Board on the 20th ultimo (No. 43). Your Committee are of opinion that, pending any further consideration by the Board of the subject of meetings on Open Spaces generally, permission should not be granted to the Salvation Army; and they therefore recommend—

That Mr. Smith be informed that the Board are not, at present, prepared to comply with his request.

In pursuance of the reference to them by the Board on Friday last (No. 11), your Committee have considered the draft Memorial and Scheme, prepared by your Solicitor, for presentation to the Land Commissioners, praying that a Scheme might be prepared under the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866, for the preservation and control of Streatham-common by the Board. The Board have already approved of the principle of acquiring the Common, and the Report of your Committee has reference merely to the details of the Memorial and draft Scheme, which they beg to submit herewith, together with a Plan of the Common. The Scheme is based on those already in force with respect to other Open Spaces under the control of the Board, but it contains, in addition, some Clauses giving more power to the Board. Your Committee beg to recommend—

That the Memorial and draft Scheme be approved and sealed, and be forwarded to the Land Commissioners, to be dealt with in the manner prescribed by the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866.

Your Committee have to report that John Salisbury, one of the relief Constables on Open Spaces, having been detected by the Superintendent of Common-keepers (Mr. Nairn) in making a false Return as to his hours of duty, has tendered his resignation. Your Committee are of opinion that Salisbury's offence is a very serious one; but, having regard to the fact that he has admitted his error, and tendered his resignation, they are of opinion that the Board should show leniency to the extent of accepting his resignation, instead of dismissing him; and they therefore recommend—

That that course be adopted, and that it be referred back to them to recommend a man to the Board for appointment to the vacant post.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of silver sand, truck baskets, wood, nails, and screws, &c., for use in Finsbury-park, together with the repair of one of the lawn mowers and three hydrants therein, and to two hydrants on the Victoria Embankment. They have likewise authorised the purchase of stakes for use in the Chelsea Embankment-gardens and grass seed for Hackney-downs, as well as coal-tar, scythe-stones, disinfectants, furniture for the gymnasium, and watch-box, and coal for the tar-boiler in Southwark-park. The purchase of scythe-blades and stones and rakes has also been sanctioned in connection with Blackheath, Plumstead and Peckham-rye Commons, and wood-bolts and screws, &c., for the Victoria Embankment-gardens. Directions have likewise been given for the roughing of the gratings on Wormwood-scrubs, the repair of the watch-box at Blackheath, and the locks at Southwark-park, and that a few boundary posts be placed to mark the land recently added to Tooting-beck-common, by the authorities of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JAS. R. LLOYD,
WM. SHEPHERD,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
DONALD MUNRO.

The draft Regulations for the Children's Gymnasium, and the playing of Lawn-tennis in Finsbury-park; the Plan of paths in that Park; the Draft Regulations for the management of the new Gymnasium in Southwark-park; and the Memorial and draft Scheme with respect to Streatham-common, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That an expenditure of £25 be sanctioned for placing a wire protection at the top of the fence between the Cricket-ground in Finsbury-park and the adjoining footpath near the New River, to prevent accidents to the public from Cricket balls.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded—That the draft Regulations, now submitted, for the management of the Children's Gymansium in Finsbury-park, be approved.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. J. Jones —That the first Regulation be altered by the substitution of the words "man or boy" for the word "male."

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 2, against it 16; and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

A further amendment was then moved by Mr. Richardson, and seconded—That the second Regulation be altered by the substitution of the word "women" for "adults (females)."

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was thereupon resolved—That the proposed Regulations, as altered by the foregoing Resolution, for the management of the Children's Gymnasium in Finsbury-park, be approved and adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the Regulations for the playing of Lawn-tennis in Finsbury-park, now submitted, be approved and adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the paths in Finsbury-park, shown by Red colour on the Plan, now submitted, be tar-paved, at an estimated cost of £650.

Mr. Richardson having raised a question whether the recommendation of the Committee with respect to the selling of Programmes and the letting of Chairs in Southwark-park was not contrary to the Bye-law prohibiting the selling of any article in the Park without a written Order from the Clerk of the Board,

The Chairman stated that he considered that the recommendation made by the Committee was in order.

It was then **moved** by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded—That the Board do offer no objection to the selling of Programmes, and the letting of Chairs in Southwark-park, by the Park Band Society during the playing of the Society's Band on Sundays, on condition that no Programmes be sold at the entrances to the Park, and that nothing beyond the particulars of the music to be played be printed on the Programmes.

The **motion** having been put to the vote, there were for it 17, against it 5, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried.

A Division having been demanded and granted, the names of the Members voting were taken down, when there were—

For the Motion—19.		Against the Motion—8.	
Brown, G., Esq.	Jones, R., Esq.	Abbott, J., Esq.	Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Cox, R., Esq.	Munro, D., Esq.	Dalton, W. H., Esq.	Selway, W. R., Esq.
Edwards, G., Esq.	Phillips, G., Esq.	Fowler, F. H., Esq.	Tolhurst, J., Esq.
Elam, T. H., Esq.	Reddish, J., Esq.	Jones, J., Esq.	
Ewin, A., Esq.	Runtz, J., Esq.		
Fairclough, T. M., Esq.	Shepherd, W., Esq.		
	Thompson, E. J., Esq.		
Furniss, R., Esq.			
Garrett, W. B., Esq.	Wetenhall, W. J., Esq.		
Harris, C., Esq.	White, T. J., Esq.		
Teller—Mr. Lloyd.		Teller—Mr. Cook.	

And it was **resolved** accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded—That the proposed Regulations for the management of the new Gymnasium in Southwark-park, be approved and adopted.

An **amendment** thereon was **moved** by Mr. Richardson, and seconded—That the Sixth Regulation be altered by the substitution of the words "women or girls" for the word "females."

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an **original motion**, it was also carried; and it was thereupon **resolved**—That the proposed Regulations, as altered by the foregoing Resolution, for the management of the new Gymnasium in Southwark-park be approved and adopted.

It was **moved** by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Solicitor be authorised to exercise his discretion in taking proceedings against any persons who may be guilty of holding Public Meetings in the Parks and on the Open Spaces under the control of the Board, without consent, during the ensuing Recess.

It was **moved** by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and **resolved**—That, subject to the approval of the War Office, permission be given to Mr. J. Brown, to place a movable Shepherd's hut on the non-military portion of Wormwood-scrubs, during the pleasure of the Board, and that the Board do, subject to a like approval, provide a water trough for the use of the sheep grazing on the Scrubs.

It was **moved** by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded—That Mr. G. Smith be informed, in reply to his Letter requesting, on behalf of the "Salvation Army," permission to hold religious meetings on Hampstead-heath, that the Board are not, at present, prepared to comply with his request.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. J. Jones—That permission be granted to hold one meeting, and that the Clerk of the Board be authorised to fix the date, and the part of the Heath on which the meeting shall be held.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 10, against it 18, and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, when there were for it 18, against it 9, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the draft Memorial to the Land Commissioners, praying that a Scheme may be adopted for placing Streatham-common under the control of the Board, under the provisions of the Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866, and also the Draft Scheme, now submitted, be approved and sealed, and that they be forwarded to the Commissioners; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the resignation of John Salisbury, relief Constable on Open Spaces be accepted, and that it be referred to the Committee to recommend a man to the Board for appointment in his place.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

9. Mr. Richardson, the Deputy-Chairman of the Appeal Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF APPEAL APPOINTED BY THE BOARD, PURSUANT TO THE 212TH SECTION OF THE ACT 18 AND 19 VICT., CAP. 120.

Spring-gardens, 1st August, 1883.

Your Committee beg to report that, under the Standing of the Board of 28th October, 1870, they have unanimously re-appointed Mr. Richardson to the office of Deputy-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have to report, for the information of the Board, that they have had under consideration an Appeal, as follows—

METROPOLITAN LOCAL MANAGEMENT ACTS, 18 AND 19 VIC., C. 120, AND 25 AND 26 VIC., C. 102.

In the Matter of an Order made by the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District upon or against John Cornelius Park Esq.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Appeal of the above-named John Cornelius Park, of Upper Teddington, in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman.

SHEWETH—

That your Appellant is the Lessee of the four houses and shops, being respectively, Nos. 98, 100, 104, and 106, Falcon-road, in the Parish of Battersea and County of Surrey, for terms of Seventy-five years, from the 24th day of June, 1853, and the 29th day of September, 1851, respectively.

That the said premises have been and are now respectively sub-demised by the Appellant that is to say, No. 98 for 21 years from the 24th of June, 1870. No. 100, for 28 years, from the 29th of September, 1878. No. 102, for 21 years, from the 25th of March, 1880; and No. 106, for 21 years, from the 25th of March, 1871. Each of which Under-leases contains covenants by the Under-lessees to keep the premises demised in repair, and similar covenants to those in the Leases under which the Appellant holds the said premises. The Under-lessees have laid out divers moneys in the repairing and substantial improving their respective premises.

That the said premises are four of a row of shops not detached, fronting Falcon-road aforesaid, and the rear of the said premises abut upon the rear of premises fronting Meyrick-road, Battersea, aforesaid.

That the present system of drainage of the said premises consists of a line of drain-pipes running across the back yards of the said premises through the said premises at the rear of them, for a distance of not exceeding forty feet, into the sewer in the Meyrick-road aforesaid.

That the said system of drainage has existed for the last 20 years and upwards and affords an ample, sufficient, and proper drainage for the said premises. The Appellant, and his Under-lessees, have a legal right to the flow of such drainage through the said premises at the rear of the first-mentioned premises into the said sewer in Meyrick-road aforesaid.

That the said system of drainage has always been effective, except that recently the Owner of the said premises at the rear of the Appellant's premises has on two or three occasions improperly and illegally blocked up the same and stopped the flow of the said drainage through his said premises into the said Sewer in Meyrick-road aforesaid, but on every of such occasions your Appellant's Under-lessees or some or one of them have forthwith forced away such block and removed such stoppage of the flow of the said drainage from the Appellant's premises into the said Sewer.

That the Appellant submits that, if the said Owner of the said premises fronting Meyrick-road aforesaid asserts that there is no legal right of flow of drainage through such Owner's premises from the said premises of the Appellant, such Owner ought to be left to his legal remedies in respect thereof, and that the Appellant or his said Under-lessees ought not, instead thereof, to be required to execute at his or their costs the drainage works hereinafter particularly mentioned.

That the Appellant has recently been served with an Order, dated the 16th day of March, 1883, under the hand of Arthur Alexander Corsellis, the Clerk to the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, in whose District all the said premises, roads and sewer are situated, reciting that at a meeting of the last-mentioned Board held, on the 14th day of December, 1882, it was made to appear, and did appear to that Board that each and every of the first-mentioned premises was without a sufficient drain communicating with some sewer, and emptying itself into the same, and that a sewer of sufficient size existed within one hundred feet of each of such houses and buildings on a lower level than such houses and buildings, and that such houses and buildings were also without fit and proper paved or impermeable sloped surfaces for conveying surface water to such sewer, and were also without fit and proper sinks, and syphoned or otherwise trapped inlets and outlets for hindering stench therefrom, and that the several works next hereinafter more particularly mentioned were necessary, and fit and proper to be done in, to, about and in connection with the said houses and buildings (that is to say)—

Six-inch pipe drain to be laid from the Sewer in front to the privies and sinks of each of the said houses and buildings.

Pavements be made good in yard of each of the said houses and buildings with proper trapped gullies and inlets to the said drain when laid.

And also reciting that at the said Meeting of the said last-mentioned Board it was Ordered that notice in writing be forthwith given to the Owner of the said houses and buildings, requiring him within twenty-eight days after the service of such notice to construct the several works and conveniences hereinbefore more particularly set forth.

And that now, in pursuance of such Order, the said A. A. Corsellis did thereby give the Appellant notice, and require the Appellant, within twenty-eight days from the service hereof, to construct such drains, works and conveniences as aforesaid, and thereafter to carry them on and complete them with all reasonable dispatch, and in default thereof he further gave the Appellant notice that the said last-mentioned Board would proceed to recover the penalties thereby incurred from the Appellant, as the alleged Owner of the said houses and buildings in the manner in the then mentioned Acts of Parliament particularly provided.

That the Appellant submits to your Board that the statements in the said Order of the non-existence of the several matters herein mentioned as now exising is inaccurate and without foundation, and that the said Order was improperly and unnecessarily made, and should rescinded and not enforced, and that each of the said first-mentioned premises had at the date thereof a sufficient drain communicating with a sewer and emptying itself into the same, and the several other matters in the said Order alleged not to exist, and that the said drains, works, and conveniences required by the said Order to be constructed were and are altogether unnecessary and not required.

That the works so required by the said Order would necessitate a drain passing under each of the said first-mentioned premises, instead of the drain across the back yards thereof, as at present, and therefore the appellant submits to your Board that the existing system is the better and superior system of drainage for the said premises.

That the Appellant also submits to your Board that he was not the proper person against whom the said Order, if otherwise proper, ought to have been made, nor the person legally liable to execute the said works thereby directed, if the same were necessary; and, further, that the said works are not the proper way of draining the said premises, if the said premises were, and are not, properly and sufficiently drained.

The Appellant therefore appeals to your Board to Order, direct, and find that the said first-mentioned premises had each of them at the date of the said Order a sufficient drain communicating with a sewer and emptying itself into the same, and also the other matters in the said Order alleged not to exist, and that none of the several drains, works and conveniences in the said Order particularly mentioned as necessity are necessary or requisite to be done, and that the said Order was without foundation and improperly made against the Appellant, and should be set aside, rescinded, and not enforced.

Or that your Board will make such other Order, direction, or finding as to your Board shall seem meet or the justice of the case require.

(Signed) EDWARD CHESTER,
84, Newington-butts, S.E.
Solicitor for the Appellant,
JOHN CORNELIUS PARK.

7th April, 1883.

That your Committee, after hearing the parties, made the following Order—That the Appeal of Mr. J. C. Park, against an Order of the Wandsworth District Board, requiring that certain works should be executed for the drainage of the premises Nos. 98, 100, 104, and 106, Falcon-road, Battersea, be, and the same is, hereby allowed.

Your Committee also report, for the information of the Board, that they have had under consideration an Appeal, as follows—

7, Bedford-row, London, W.C.,
7th July, 1883.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Appeal Committee, Metropolitan Board of Works, Spring-gardens, S.W.

Nos. 2 and 4, Dorville-road, Lee, Kent.

Gentlemen,—On behalf of our Client, Mr. Joseph Sherwood, we have to appeal against an Order of the Plumstead District Board, dated June 27th last, and, in order to explain the plans and correspondence forwarded herewith, beg to submit to your consideration the facts of the case.

Our client recently became the owner of 11 semi-detached houses in Dorville-road, Lee, only five of which were occupied, the remaining six houses being empty. We found that great complaints had been made as to the drainage, and the bad smells emanating from the w.c.'s, more particularly the one situate at the foot of the stairs on the basement storey, which, having no external ventilation, relieved itself of any unpleasant odours on the staircase of each house. We also found the sinks in sculleries in direct communication with the drain, the only trap being a small bell-trap. We also found these traps used externally in the areas, so that if broken (as some were), or at all clogged, the smell from the sewers, &c., had a ready vent under the windows of the living-rooms.

Under these circumstances we decided to advise our Client to put one pair of these houses in a good and sanitary state of repair, and, as a first improvement, placed the basement w.c. externally to the house at the back, as shown on Plan showing proposed drain, and as we found that three of the houses drained by one connection into the Sewer, as seen on Plan showing present drains, we decided to bring the drain from the new w.c. at back through the house, thus giving a separate connection with the Sewer in each case, with a Syphon trap to disconnect with sewer. We duly submitted this Plan with our Letter of the 15th June, but to our surprise received a Letter, dated the 18th of June, from Mr. Thorne, the District Board's Surveyor, stating that the drain under the house would not be allowed ; and although we have endeavoured to meet Mr. Thorne in every way possible, nothing short of taking the drains all round the houses instead of directly, as we proposed, would suit his views, and finally we received the Order of the District Board against which we are obliged to appeal.

We would draw your special attention to the fact that, as at present drained, the sink pipes (in direct connection with the Sewer) pass under the Scullery quite one-third of the whole depth of each house, and the soil drain taking two basement w.c.'s, and the soil pipes from two w.c.'s on the first floor, also surface water from area, &c., are all more or less under the house being immediately under the porch, and, moreover, are all unjointed. Under these circumstances we think you will agree with us in saying that a perfect drain, laid to a fall of 3 inches in 10 feet, with joints well cemented in Portland cement, is a safer and better system of drainage than that now existing, and which was approved by the District Board, according to Mr. Thorne's Letter of the 18th June.

We may further state that the sole matter by which we feel aggrieved is the refusal of the Board to allow us to take our drain under each house, as, while admitting the general advisability of having all drains external to the house, we submit in this case it is the more direct course. Moreover, the position of the sink, which cannot be moved, will compel us to have a drain under quite one-third the depth of the house, though we propose having a "Weatherly disconnecter" in each case.

We trust you will assist us in every way to improve, as we propose, the eminently unsatisfactory state of the present drainage of these houses, especially as our Client is so much concerned at the delay caused by the action of the District Board, that he feels inclined to leave the drainage of the other houses untouched, and the objectionable unventilated basement Closets as they are.

We further beg to draw your attention to the fact that the Order of the Board has delayed our completing the works as quickly as intended, and will undoubtedly be a loss to our Client, not only as regards rent for these two houses but also the remaining four houses still unlet.

We remain, &c.,
(Signed) WIGG AND OLIVER,

That your Committee have also had before them the Order appealed against, as follows—

METROPOLIS LOCAL MANAGEMENT ACTS.

The Board of Works for the Plumstead District.
Order extracted from Board Minutes of 27th June, 1883.

RESOLVED AND ORDERED—

That no drain or drains other than those already approved by the Board and existing, be allowed to be laid down or constructed in or under the site of the two private dwelling houses situate and being Nos. 2 and 4, Dorville-road, Lee, and that if separate drains be laid down to or for the use of such two houses such separate drains shall be laid down in and under the ground outside of such two houses, and not inside or under any part of such two houses, and that the Clerk and Surveyor for Lee parish be instructed to take proceedings to recover the penalties imposed by the Metropolis Local Management Acts in the event of any contravention of this Order, and of the said Acts, and that a copy of this Order be sent forthwith to all persons concerned in this matter.

(Signed) GEORGE WHALE,
Clerk to the said Board.

To Messrs. WIGG AND OLIVER,
7, Bedford-row, London, W.C.;

and to

Mr. EDWARD WHITE, Builder,
11, Little Marylebone-street, London, W.

That your Committee, after hearing the parties, made the following Order—That the Appeal of Messrs. Wigg and Oliver, on behalf of Mr. Joseph Sherwood, against an Order made by the Plumstead District Board with regard to the Plan for the drainage of the houses, Nos. 2 and 4, Dorville-road, Lee, be, and the same is hereby, allowed.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) G. B. RICHARDSON,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
A. EWIN,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
WM. SHEPHERD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
DONALD MUNRO.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

10. It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and resolved—That it be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, to consider and report whether it is expedient that the Board should set apart a portion of each of the Open

Spaces under their control, upon which Public Meetings may, during their pleasure, be held.

11. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 3rd August, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestries and District Boards.

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
LAMBETH.				
Kimberley-road, Kay-road, and Wortley-street, Clapham-rise.	800	15-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
	1,000	12 „	„	
Mayflower, Prideaux, Hemberton, Tregothnan, and Restormel Roads, Clapham-road.	620	15 „	„	
	1,261	12 „	„	
ISLINGTON.				
Boleyn-road, Kingsland ...	320	15-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
GREENWICH.				
Hatfield-street, and Edric-road, Deptford.	160	15-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
	490	12 „	„	
WANDSWORTH.				
Proposed road between Dighton and Podmore Roads	525	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestries and District Boards be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

12. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 3rd August, 1883, on applications from the following Vestries, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
SAINT-GEORGE, HANOVER-SQUARE.					
1883. 25th & 30th July.	Hill-street, from South Audley-street to Union-street	Paving.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	[These are unimportant streets as regards the carriage traffic through them at this season of the year].
25th July.	Berkeley-street... ...	Repairing carriage-way.	3 days.	3 days.	
	Queen-street		2 „	2 „	
	Brook-street		5 „	5 „	
	Upper Brook-street ...		5 „	5 „	
	Green-street		3 „	3 „	
	Chapel-street East ...		1 day.	1 day.	
	Chapel-street West ...		1 „	1 „	
	Hertford-street ...		3 days.	3 days.	
	Curzon-street		5 „	5 „	
	South Audley-street ...		1 day.	1 day.	
	Dover-street		2 days.	2 days.	
	Stafford-street		1 day.	1 day.	
	Berkeley-square ...		4 days.	4 days.	
	Mount-street		3 „	3 „	
	Charles-street		1 day.	1 day.	
	South-street		2 days.	2 days.	
	Great Stanhope-street ...		2 „	2 „	
CLERKENWELL.					
27th July.	Rosoman-street, between Skinner-street and Bowling-green-lane ...	Paving.	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	Coburg, &c., Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestries, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

13. The Engineer presented a Report, as follows—

Engineer's Department,
Spring-gardens,
1st August, 1883.

Monthly Report on the progress of the several Special Contract Works.

Ratcliff-highway, &c., Sewers Relief Lines.—Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Contractors.—About 18,300 feet run of brick sewers, varying in size from 7 feet 3 inches, barrel, to 4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches, egg-shape, are constructed, at an estimated cost, with other works in connection therewith, of £71,000, of which £3,800 are due to the past month's progress. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. W. Raeburn, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Whitecross-street, St. Luke's (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Contractors.—About 3,000 yards super. of 7 inches by 3 inches granite carriage-way paving, 15,300 feet super. of 3-inch York footway paving, and 2,700 feet run of granite kerb, have been laid, and a total length of 980 feet of brick and pipe sewers constructed. The estimated cost of these works is £6,000, of which £2,000 represent the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. G. Skipper, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Whitechapel and Limehouse (Artizans' Dwellings) Scheme.—Mr. F. H. Colepeper, Contractor.—About 900 feet run of brick and pipe sewers have been constructed, and 1,200 yards super. of 7 inches by 3 inches granite carriage-way paving, and 500 yards super. of 3-inch York foot-way paving laid at an estimated cost, with other minor works, of about £2,600, of which about £1,740 represent the past month's progress. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. J. Fixter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Goulston-street, Whitechapel (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Mr. J. J. Griffiths is progresing with the works (lately undertaken by him for the sum of £4,980) of paving a part of the streets included in this Improvement Scheme. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. J. Carter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Essex-road, Islington (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Messrs. Nowell and Robson, Contractors. A total length of 970 feet of brick and pipe Sewers has been completed, at an estimated cost with other minor works, of about £900. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. T. Panter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Bowman's Buildings, Marylebone (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Messrs. Nowell and Robson have made a commencement with the works (lately undertaken by them for the sum of £2,187) for the construction of Sewers and laying paving in the streets embraced in this Improvement Scheme.

Kentish-town Improvement.—Messrs. Nowell and Robson are also proceeding with the works for widening Kentish-town-road and Monte Video-place, at and near their points of intersection; the value of the completed work being £5,100, of which £1,600 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. E. Hewett, Jun., at a weekly cost of £2 16s.

Deptford Storm Overflow.—Messrs. Pearson and Son, Contractors.—Lengths of 1,734 feet of Sewer (13 feet 6 inches by 11 feet in size), and 928 feet of Sewer (3 feet by 2 feet in size), are complete, and a further length of 280 feet of the larger of the Sewers is in progress. The estimated value of these, and of other works in connection therewith, is £15,680, of which £2,560 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. H. Noble and W. Martin, at a weekly cost of £7 7s.

Clapham to Putney Relief Sewers.—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—About 5,690 feet run of new Sewers, varying in size from 9 feet by 6 feet to 5 feet by 4 feet 6 inches, are complete and further lengths of about 140 feet are in progress. The estimated value of these, and of other works in connection therewith, is £21,130, of which £6,600 represent the past month's progress. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. W. Morton, W. Jeffery, C. Bedloe, R. Lynn, J. Scott, W. Dennis, J. Bollam, and J. Judd, at a weekly cost of £26 5s.

Waterloo Bridge; Strengthening Foundations.—Mr. W. Webster, Contractor.—The works in connection with the second, third, fourth, and fifth piers from the Surrey end of the Bridge are complete. The temporary staging around the first Surrey pier has been completed

and about two-thirds of the permanent piling have been driven. Permanent work has been executed to the value, approximately, of £29,000, of which £2,000 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. A. Boag and B. Butcher at a weekly cost of £6 6s.

Wandsworth Bridge.—Messrs. B. Cooke and Co., Contractors.—With the exception of tarring the bases of the cylindrical piers, and which operation is now fast approaching completion, the whole of the works comprised in this Contract have, for some time past, been completed. The Clerk of Works employed upon this and other works is Mr. T. Carey, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Putney (New) Bridge.—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—The Contract work specified in connection with the new Putney draw-dock has been practically completed, and its authorised re-construction is also approaching completion. The Northern and Southern abutment coffer-dams, and the first Surrey and first Middlesex pier coffer-dams are complete. The concreting, &c., of the Surrey abutment, the excavation of the Northern abutment, the demolition of the original aqueduct, and the erection of the temporary staging across the Thames are in course of execution. The water-mains have been removed, and the brick sewer, (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size) under the Northern approach road-way to the Bridge, and the retaining and screen walls to the Fulham Vicarage are nearly completed. The total value of the permanent work executed is, approximately, £22,000, of which about £3,000 represent the progress due to the past month. The Clerk of Works and the Piling Inspector employed are Mr. J. Rigg and Mr. G. Creighton, at a weekly cost of £5 13s.

Deptford-creek Bridge.—Mr. G. Moss is proceeding with the works of this Contract. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. P. Sharpe, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, and that it be printed and circulated among the Members of the Board.

14. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st August, 1883, on a Letter from the Aërated Bread Company (Limited), asking if the Board can let or sell to them the vacant piece of land between No. 1, Victoria-street, and the "Royal Standard" Public-house for building a depôt thereon; stating that the application referred to the site of the King's Scholars' Pond Sewer, and that it was, in his opinion, undesirable, having regard to the requirements of the Board, that they should either let or sell the site, and recommending that the Company should be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. S. Gabriel, offering for sale to the Board some second-hand granite pitching, about to be removed from the streets in the neighbourhood of Trafalgar-square; recommending that Mr. Gabriel be informed that the Board do not require to purchase the granite pitching to which he refers.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mr. Gabriel be informed accordingly.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st August, 1883, on Letters from Mr. W. R. Galbraith, applying for permission to make a carriage-way entrance to the Whitecross-street Distillery from Reform-place, Whitecross-street (Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act Scheme) as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application; stating that the application was similar to others which had been granted by the Board, under certain conditions, and recommending that it be also granted, subject to those conditions, viz., that the work be carried out under the direction, and to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board, and at the sole cost of the owners of the Distillery.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted on the conditions recommended therein.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st August, 1883, on Letters from Messrs. E. Collins, W. Hall, C. Mackie, and T. Clapton, Cumberland-park, Harrow-road, complaining of nuisance from the open Stamford-brook Sewer (East branch) in the neighbourhood; stating that, immediately upon the receipt of the complaints, instructions had been given to forthwith cleanse the open Sewer, and to use lime or chloride of lime in the operation, and recommending, as a permanent work, that the section of the Sewer, from Old Oak-common-lane to the bend where it passes under the Canal, be filled up, and a Sewer (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size) constructed between the points marked "B," "C" and "D," upon the Plan accompanying the Report.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. B. Watson, No. 16, Bridge-street, Hammersmith, complaining of offensive smells from the Sewer in that road; stating that the Sewer in Bridge-road, from the Broadway to the Low Level Sewer, was old and dilapidated, 5 feet in diameter, and very flat, and that it used formerly to discharge into the River, and recommending, for the reasons stated in his Report, that a new Sewer (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size, and 1,400 feet in length) be constructed, at an estimated cost of £3,000, inclusive of filling in the vacant space between the old and the new Sewer, and connecting all the existing drains with the latter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st August, 1883, on Letters from Mr. E. Smith, "Globe" Tavern, Rotherhithe-street, claiming £9 as compensation for loss sustained from the flooding of his cellars by the Board's operations in flushing the Sewers; stating that the claimant's premises had been accidentally flooded during the flushing of the main Sewer in Rotherhithe-street, the tide being high, and the complainant's cellar low and close to the flushing pipe, and recommending that the amount be paid to the claimant as compensation, and in full discharge of his claim against the Board, subject to the Solicitor agreeing to that course.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, subject to the advice of the Solicitor.

20. Read a Report, as follows—

Engineer's Department,
Spring-gardens,
1st August, 1883.

SOUTHERN LOW LEVEL SEWER (MAIN LINE) AND BERMONDSEY BRANCH.

In constructing the Deptford Storm Overflow Sewer, which crosses over the Main Low Level Sewer and its Bermondsey Branch in Church-street, as shown upon the accompanying Plan, it has been necessary to destroy two casting shafts, which were of great importance in keeping those two Sewers clean.

Church-street being narrow, there is no room in it for making other shafts, except in the line of pavement, and immediately under and in front of the doors and windows of the small houses on the one side or the other. I therefore recommend that the Board should purchase the small house, No. 112, on the East side of the street, with the garden and shed at the rear, with the view of constructing new casting shafts at the rear, and making a way for slop carts to pass through the house into the street, and that it be referred to the Superintending Architect to ascertain on what terms the house and garden may be purchased.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that it be referred to the Superintending Architect to ascertain on what terms the property can be acquired, and to report to the Committee thereon.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 2nd August, 1883, on a Letter from the Highways Committee of the Vestry of Paddington, stating that Mr. Vigers was not constructing the sewers in Fermoy-road, Harrow-road, in accordance with the Plan approved by the Board; stating that, on the 29th June last, the Board approved of the Plan submitted by Mr. Vigers, through the Vestry of Paddington, showing a length of 783 feet of 3 feet 9 inches by 2 feet 6 inches, one-brick sewer, proposed to be constructed in Fermoy-road, at a gradient of 1 in 110; that it appeared, from enquiry which he (the Engineer) had caused to be made, that prior to the Board's sanction being given to the Plan, Mr. Vigers had constructed about 300 feet of the sewer without the supervision thereof by the Officers of the Vestry; that immediately after the Board had approved of the Plan, the levels of the completed portion of the sewer had been taken by one of the Vestry's Officers, who found that, at a point 207 feet distant from the outlet, the invert was about 3 feet higher than shown upon the section submitted; that West of that point a further length of the sewer had been constructed at the gradient of 1 in 110, which brought the invert up to within 9 feet of the surface, instead of 12 feet, as shown upon the section and approved by the Board; that the Highways Committee of the Vestry had therefore called the attention of the Board to the matter, but that it appeared that the Vestry had also instructed their Solicitor to take action therein; and recommending the Board to refer it to their Solicitor to advise as to what (if any) action should be taken in the matter by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved; that the subject be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report; and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 3rd August, 1883, stating that the following Stores were required for use at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station, viz.—

	Estimate.
1,250 Tons of Welsh Coal...	£989 11 8
1,250 ,, Tanfield Moor Coal	843 15 0
200 Gallons of Englebert's Lubricator	37 10 0
Total ...	£1,870 16 8

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved; and that the Stores be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 3rd August, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contract—

	Estimate.
Laying 750 feet of 15-inch pipe from the Falcon Sewer in Falcon-lane, Battersea, to the Heathwall Sewer, for flushing purposes	£200 0 0
Cleansing the open Sewer from East Acton to the Grand Junction Canal, near Willesden	40 0 0
Total ...	£240 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 3rd August, 1883, on further Letters from Mr. J. W. Barry, as to intended crossings over the main line and Shoreditch branches of the London Bridge Sewer, at King William, and Gracechurch Streets, respectively, by the Metropolitan and District Railways (City lines and Extensions); stating that the applications were in respect of the same crossings, his Report upon which was

approved by the Board at their last Meeting; that Mr. Barry now stated that, upon further consideration with Sir John Hawkshaw, and with a view to provide against the contingency of the Sewers being under pressure, he preferred that the crowns of the Sewers should be constructed with iron plates, and that the Plans submitted with the Letter showed iron plates with holding-down bolts; that the construction already approved by the Board would, in his (the Engineer's) opinion, have amply provided against that contingency; but recommending that, for the satisfaction of the Engineers of the Railway Companies, the Sewers be re-constructed in accordance with the present application, subject to the ribs and scantlings of the iron plates, and the brickwork and other work, being carried out under the direction, and to the satisfaction, of the proper Officers of the Board, and that such length of the Sewers be altered and made good as they may direct, at the sole cost of the Companies; and further recommending that, for the purpose of record, Mr. Barry should furnish to the Board, within one month from and after the completion of the works, fully dimensioned Drawings, stating lengths, scantlings, and thicknesses, and other particulars, and also defining the manner of actual construction, and further defining the exact sites of the Sewers with relation to the Railway, and to the streets or public way, and at the same time that Mr. Barry should also certify that the works have been constructed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved; that the application of Mr. Barry be granted on the several conditions stated therein; and that he be requested, within one month after the completion of the works, to furnish the Board with the particulars and Plans suggested by the Engineer.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 2nd August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. Jacomb, Engineer to the South-Western Railway, submitting, for approval, Plans for the widening of Bridges over York-street, Little York-street, and Griffin-street (London and South-Western Railway General Act, 1881); stating that the head-ways proposed under the Bridges, viz., 18 feet, are in accordance with the terms of the Act; that the width of Griffin-street, which was not interfered with, is more than 40 feet; that Little York-street was only 17 feet in width, and that it was proposed to make the span of the Bridge over it of the same width, but that it was an unimportant street, and already covered for more than two-thirds of its length by a Bridge of the same span, and recommending that the Plans of those two Bridges be approved; further stating that the width of York-street, beyond the Railway, was 26 feet, but that it was made 40 feet wide for a length of about 36 feet, under the Railway where widened under the powers of the Company's Act of 1881; that it was now proposed, under the further widening of the Railway to widen the street, on the East side only, making the total width 33 feet, and that no property was scheduled in the Act for widening the street on its West side, although there was some reason to believe that the property was in possession of the Company; that the 33rd Section of the Act provided that "Where, "under the authority of this Act, any works are constructed over any street or road "within the Metropolis there shall be left a clear head-way throughout, of not less than "18 feet, and a clear span throughout of not less than 40 feet, measured on the "square;" that in cases where the Bridge crossed the road on the square, there could be no doubt as to the application of those conditions, but that where the Bridge crossed on the skew, as it did very markedly in the present case, it was somewhat doubtful whether the regulation would apply to that part of the length of the street in which a part only of its width was covered by the Railway; that he (the Engineer) apprehended that the introduction of the word "throughout," in the Section, was intended to cover a case of the kind under consideration; and that, if so, the Company should be required to set back the frontage on the Western side of the street, so as to make it the full width of 40 feet, and recommending that course for adoption, and that, in case a legal objection should be raised on that point by the Company, the question be referred to the Solicitor for his consideration, and that he be authorised to

take such steps as he may consider necessary, in the event of such objection being raised during the Recess.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received; that the matter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

26. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 2nd August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. A. Langley, Engineer to the Great Eastern Railway Company, applying for permission to raise a man-hole connected with the Board's Main Sewer, near the Coborn-road Station; stating that, in carrying out the widening of the Company's line, the level of the ground would be about 5 feet 6 inches higher than at present, and that it became necessary to raise the man-hole, and recommending the Board to sanction the same, on condition that an efficient air-grating be placed on the top of the man-hole, and that the work be executed under the direction of the proper Officers of the Board, and at the sole cost of the Company.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted, on the conditions recommended by the Engineer.

27. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan Street Improvements Bill, 1883, and the Board's Bridges, &c., Bill, had received the Royal Assent yesterday.

28. The Solicitor reported that the Board's Money Bill had been considered in Committee of the House of Lords last evening, and had been appointed for third reading this evening; that no amendments had been made in the Bill, and that after the third reading it would only await the Royal Assent.

29. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan Board of Works (District Railway) Bill (Ventilators) was under consideration by the unopposed Committee in the House of Lords on Friday last, and had been read a third time on the 31st ultimo, and returned to the House of Commons for consideration of amendments; and that Lord Wemyss' motion as to the Bill, the discussion on which was adjourned until Friday last, had on that day been discharged.

The Solicitor also reported that the City of London Commissioners of Sewers (Ventilation of Railways) Bill had been under consideration by the Select Committee of the House of Lords, and that, at the conclusion of the evidence of the Promoters, the Committee had arrived at the following decision—

> The Chairman—"I have to announce that the Committee have considered the evidence which has been given on behalf of the Promoters, and that it has not satisfied them that this Ventilator can be closed, with due regard to the use of the Railway. The Committee are of opinion, after having heard the evidence, that the Ventilator is placed at the most inconvenient spot, and the evidence shows that it would have been much less inconvenient to traffic if it had been removed so far as to avoid the line of traffic crossing Bennet's-hill; but the Committee find that they have no power under this Bill to order the removal of it to any other place Therefore we declare the Preamble not proved."

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to consider and report as to the advisability of the Board introducing a Bill, next Session, for obtaining the removal of the Ventilators erected, or to be erected, by the Company on the Victoria Embankment, and elsewhere.

30. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan District Railway Bill was waiting the consideration of the Report on amendments made in Committee of the House of Lords.

31. The Solicitor reported that the various Electric Lighting (Provisional Orders) Bills were waiting for second reading in the House of Lords.

32. The Solicitor reported that the second reading of the Commons Inclosure Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill had been deferred until this evening.

33. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Factories and Workshops Amendment Bill, for amending the law relating to Factories and Workshops, especially with reference to White-lead Factories and Bake-houses, and reported that the expression the "Local Authority," for carrying the Act into execution was intended to mean the Parishes and Districts mentioned in Schedules A and B to the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and reported that the Bill had been appointed for second reading last evening, and had been adjourned until Monday next.

The Solicitor also reported that the Diseases Prevention (Metropolis) Bill had been introduced by the Home Secretary and the President of the Local Government Board last evening, and read a first time, and that the second reading had been appointed for this day.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Dresser Rogers, and resolved—That the said Bills be referred to the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration, and that a copy of the last mentioned Bill be sent to each Member of the Board.

34. The Solicitor reported that the following Bills had received the Royal Assent—

North London Tramways,
London and North-Western Railway (additional Powers),
Paddington Market,
South London Tramways,
Croydon and Norwood District Tramways.

35. The Solicitor reported that the Bill relating to the storage of Petroleum had again been placed on the Order Book of the House of Lords, and had been appointed for second reading this evening.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Cook, and resolved—That the said Bill be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

36. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Firth had asked the Chairman of the Board whether it was true that the Board had now under consideration schemes of London improvement, involving an outlay of ten millions sterling, and, whether before asking the sanction of Parliament to such expenditure, the Board proposed to obtain the sanction or to ascertain the opinion of the inhabitants of London thereon, to which the Chairman had replied.

37. The Solicitor also reported that Mr. Francis Buxton had asked the Chairman of the Board whether it was the intention of the Board to construct a road-way through the Peel-grove Burial-ground, at Bethnal-green, to which the Chairman had replied.

38. The Solicitor reported that Sir Edward Watkin had placed the following Notice on the Paper of the House of Commons for the 7th instant—

"To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he is "aware that the stock of Petroleum oil in the Metropolitan area has increased, "since his attention was directed to the subject, by 37,856 barrels, the total now "being 373,541 barrels, equal to 14,941,640 gallons, and that at St. Leonard's "Wharf the increase of stock has been 14,042 barrels."

"And whether the Bill introduced into the House of Lords has had the "approval of the Metropolitan Board of Works."

39. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Broadhurst had placed the following questions on the Paper of the House of Commons for the 6th instant—

"To ask the President of the Local Government Board if he has noticed "in Lieutenant-Colonel Bolton's last Report that the number of services on the

" constant supply in the New River Company's district is only 19,464 out of a " total of upwards of 200,000."

" Whether that constant supply is practically limited to the City of London " and the Parish of Shoreditch."

" And whether he has power to compel the Metropolitan Board to exercise " the powers they possess, and to require a constant supply throughout the " whole of the New River Company's district."

" To ask the Honourable Member for Truro if it is correct that the " Metropolitan Board of Works (of which he is Chairman), being the authority " which by the Waterworks Act, 1871, has the power to require the various " Metropolitan Water Companies to give a constant supply, has never exercised " that power."

" Whether when the Board was requested by a Metropolitan Vestry to make " such requisition, it refused to do so; if so, will he state the reason for such " refusal."

" And whether he is aware that the Vestry alluded to (that of Shoreditch) " obtained the good offices of Lieutenant-Colonel Bolton, and by those means " obtained a constant supply from the New River Company."

40. The Solicitor reported that it might become necessary, before the next Meeting of the Board, to affix the Seal to Petitions on their behalf against Bills in Parliament.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman of the Board be requested and authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Board to any Petitions which it may become necessary to present to Parliament on their behalf before the next Meeting.

41. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Conveyance of land at Barking, taken by the Gas Light and Coke Company, under their Act of 1876.

Leases to Mr. Jubal Webb of Plots Nos. 1 and 6, Plots Nos. 1, 2, and 6, Plots Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Plots Nos. 4 and 6, Plots Nos. 4, 5, and 6, and Plots Nos. 5 and 6 in High-street, Peckham (Camberwell and Peckham Improvement)

Contract with Messrs. Macey and Sons for the execution of works at the London Pavilion Music-hall.

Conveyance by Mr. A. Hooper and others (Trustees of the Will of J. W. Holland) of Nos. 32 and 32A, Greek-street, Soho, and a Memorial for the registration of the same. (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement.)

Agreement with the Vestry of St. Luke's for the sale of ground on the South side of Warwick-place, Whitecross-street (Whitecross-street Scheme, Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act.)

Agreement with the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company for possession of certain land at Tooting-beck-common to be purchased by the Board from the Company.

Contract with Messrs. Smith Brothers for alterations at the Fire Brigade Station in the Waterloo-road.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

42. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £14,200 to the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same, and also a Cheque for £17 15s. for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage deed.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Martin-in-the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to this Board for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of fourteen thousand two hundred pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred, or to be incurred by the said Vestry, in executing certain wood-paving works in Saint Martin's-place, Pall-mall East, Trafalgar-square, Duncannon-street, Cockspur-street, Charing-cross, Whitehall, Saint Martin's-lane, and the Strand, within the said Parish. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of fourteen thousand two hundred pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore, it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given to the borrowing by the Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of fourteen thousand two hundred pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by equal annual instalments within a period of Five years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £14,200 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and also a Cheque for £17 15s. for Stamp-duty; and Cheques were drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund and the General Working Account respectively.

43. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £9,000 to the Vestry of Lambeth, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same; and also a Cheque for £11 5s., for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage deed.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas, the Vestry of the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of nine thousand pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred, or to be incurred by the said Vestry, in executing certain Victoria stone-paving and granite kerb and channelling works in Stamford-street, York-road, Westminster-bridge-road, Duke-street, Princes-street, Waterloo-road, Hercules-buildings, Kennington-park-road, Cornwall-road, Oakley-street, York-street, Thomas-street, Commercial-road, Lower Kennington-lane, Brixton-hill and Camberwell-new-road, in the said Parish. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of nine thousand pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry, for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of nine thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by equal annual instalments within a period of Ten years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £9,000 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Lambeth, and also a Cheque for £11 5s. for Stamp-duty; and Cheques were drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund, and the General Working Account respectively.

44. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £5,800 to the Vestry of Lambeth, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of the Parish of Lambeth in the County of Surrey, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of Five thousand eight hundred pounds, that is to say, a sum of two thousand five hundred pounds for the purpose of defraying the expense incurred or to be incurred by them in erecting on their Freehold land in Belvedere-road, Lambeth, permanent buildings for stabling, and three thousand three hundred pounds for the purpose of purchasing twenty-seven horses, twenty-seven sets of harness, and twenty vans for scavenging and dust-collecting purposes. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sums of two thousand five hundred pounds and three thousand three hundred pounds, making together the sum of five thousand eight hundred pounds, should be borrowed by the said Vestry for the purposes aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of the said sums of two thousand five hundred pounds and three thousand three hundred pounds, making together the sum of five thousand eight hundred pounds, for the purposes aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid, as to the Two thousand five hundred pounds, by annual instalments of as nearly equal an amount as may be within a period of Fifteen years, and as to the Three thousand three hundred pounds, by equal annual instalments within a period of Five years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £5,800 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Lambeth; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

45. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £12,000 to the Vestry of Kensington, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same, and a Cheque for £15 for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage deed.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary Abbott, Kensington, in the County of Middlesex, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act,

1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing, by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of twelve thousand pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred, or to be incurred, by the Vestry in widening Heathfield-street (otherwise Pottery-lane), Notting-hill, between William-street and Hesketh-place, in the said Parish. And whereas, this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of twelve thousand pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore, it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of twelve thousand pounds for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid, as to six thousand pounds, one moiety thereof, by equal annual instalments within Thirty years, and as to six thousand pounds, the other moiety thereof, within Ten years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £12,000 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Kensington, and also a Cheque for £15 for Stamp-duty on the Mortgage deed; and Cheques were drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund, and the General Working Account respectively.

46. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements as to the undermentioned Loans had been completed, viz,—

	Amount of Loan.
St. Luke's Vestry	£2,300
School Board (second instalment, £100,000)	200,000
Managers of the South Metropolitan School District ...	5,000

47. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £5,000 to the Vestry of Kensington, for carrying out works under the Kensington Improvements Act, 1880, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for the amount.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £5,000 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Kensington; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

48. The Solicitor reported that a Bill to provide for the maintenance of the new streets at Hyde-park-corner had been presented to the House of Commons by Mr. Shaw Lefevre and Mr. Courtney, and read a first time on Tuesday last; that the second reading had been appointed for the 6th instant, and that he had not yet been able to obtain a copy of the Bill. The Solicitor further reported that Mr. Warton had given notice, on the motion for the second reading, to move that the Bill be read a second time on that day six months.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Bill be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do endeavour to obtain copies of the Bill for the use of the Members of the Board.

49. The Solicitor reported that the Board had recently decided to apply to Parliament next Session for power to acquire the rights of Lammas owners, and all other rights and interests in the lands comprised in the Scheme with respect to the Commons at Hackney, in order that the Board might obtain the Fee-simple of the same, but that

it did not appear certain that it would be desirable to deal with the question by acquiring the fee of the Commons; and he suggested that the Board should refer the question of the acquisition of such rights in the Hackney Commons as might militate against their use and enjoyment by the public, to the Works and General Purposes and Parliamentary Committees, for consideration, with authority to take such steps, by legislation and otherwise, as might most effectually protect the public use and enjoyment of the Commons.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the question be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolutions at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

50. The Solicitor reported that, pursuant to the Board's Resolution of Friday last (No. 18), he had considered the Report of the Engineer on the Letter from the Surveyor of the Vestry of Camberwell, submitting a Plan of pipe sewers proposed to be laid in a new street, called Log-square, New Church-road, which had been formed without the Board's approval; that it was a case in which he had taken legal proceedings in consequence of the street not having been formed in conformity with the Act, 45 Vic., cap. 14, and that the Summons had been dismissed by the Magistrate, and that as it appeared to the Engineer of the Board that the pipe Sewers were unobjectionable in other respects, except where he had marked on the Plan, he (the Solicitor) considered that the Board could have no objection to the same, provided that the suggested alterations were made.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Plan submitted by the Vestry for the proposed pipe Sewers be approved, subject to alterations being made therein, as recommended by the Engineer.

51. The Clerk presented a copy of the Report by the Water Examiner appointed by the Board of Trade, of the examination made by him of the Water supplied by the Metropolitan Water Companies during the month of June last.

52. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Ellis, Clerk to the Hackney District Board, dated 28th July, 1883, stating, with reference to the Resolution of this Board, that the District Board had arranged for extending the widening of Church-street, Stoke Newington, so as to include the land in front of No. 37, in that street, and requesting this Board to contribute a moiety of the cost of the entire Improvement, which would be £850.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

53. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Ellis, Clerk to the Hackney District Board, dated 27th July, 1883, transmitting a Plan showing a proposed Improvement from Mare-street to High-street, Homerton, and asking this Board to deal with the same as a Metropolitan Improvement, and to include it in this year's general list of Improvements.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

54. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. J. Foakes, Clerk to the Vestry of Fulham, dated 28th July 1883, requesting the Board to divide the Parish into three Wards, according to a Report transmitted with the Letter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

55. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Frere and Co., dated 27th July, 1883, stating their intention, as the representatives of the Trustees of the late Mr. T. G. Corbett, of piercing the ground on London-fields, Hackney, in accordance with the rights of their clients, as laid down by the Master of the Rolls in the suit of the Attorney-General *v.* Tyssen-Amherst.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report.

56. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. H. Bolton, dated 27th July, 1883, stating with regard to the application from the Guardians of St. Pancras for a Loan, to provide for the purchase of certain property called Cook's-terrace, alleged to be required for Workhouse buildings, that he was of opinion that no sufficient Resolution had been carried by the Guardians upon which to found an application for the Loan, and giving notice that the validity of what was done at the meeting of the Guardians on the 30th June last was seriously called in question, and that there was a correspondence pending between the Local Government Board and the Guardians on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

57. The Clerk presented an Official Representation, as follows—

Board of Works for the Greenwich District.

141, Greenwich-road, Greenwich, S.E.,
31st July, 1883.

I, Henry Northover Pink, of No. 24, Croom's-hill, Greenwich, Kent, the Medical Officer of Health for the Board of Works for the Greenwich District, do hereby make the following Official Representation to the Metropolitan Board of Works, namely, that the houses, courts, and areas within the jurisdiction of the said Metropolitan Board of Works, under the Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, and within the area surrounded with a Red line upon the Plan marked A, hereunto annexed, are unfit for human habitation, and that diseases indicating a generally low condition of health among the population have been from time to time prevalent within such area, and that such prevalence may reasonably be attributed to the closeness, narrowness, and bad arrangement, or the bad condition of the streets and houses, or groups of houses within such area, and the want of light, air, and ventilation, and that such evils cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area.

Dated this 31st day of July, 1883.

(Signed) HENRY N. PINK,
Medical Officer of Health.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved — That the foregoing Representation be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

58. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. S. Winnett, Clerk to the Lewisham District Board, dated 30th July, 1883, transmitting a Plan of an Improvement proposed to be effected by the District Board by extending Thurston-road, Lewisham, to the boundary of the District, and there connecting it with a new road in course of formation in the Greenwich District, at an estimated cost of £1,135, and requesting this Board to approve of the Improvement, and to contribute one-half of the cost of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

59. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. F. G. Law, General Manager of the London and Globe Telephone and Maintenance Co. (Limited), dated 31st July, 1883, referring to the permission given by the Board to the Company to run a cable over Vauxhall and Lambeth Bridges, and requesting that a similar privilege might be granted to them to run a cable over Waterloo and Westminster Bridges.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

60. The Clerk presented a Letter from Colonel C. Alexander, M.P., dated 30th July, 1883, transmitting three Letters with reference to the course taken by Mr. E. D. Drury, District Surveyor, respecting certain alterations at No. 11, Great Queen-street, Westminster.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

61. The Clerk presented Letters from Mr. J. Searle, Clerk to the New River Company, dated 31st July, 1883, and from Mr. A. Dickson, Secretary of the Kent Waterworks Company, dated 31st July, 1883, transmitting statements of the Companies' Accounts for the year ended the 31st December last.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be received.

62. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. Nash, Accountant of the Commercial Gas Company, dated 31st July, 1883, transmitting a statement of Accounts of the Company for the half-year ended the 30th June last.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Accounts be referred to the Accountant for report.

63. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Offices of the Board of Guardians.
Workhouse, Hampstead, N. W.,
31st July, 1883.

Dear Sir,—I am desired by the Guardians of the Poor of this Parish to state that they are empowered by an Order of the Local Government Board to construct an additional building, and to make certain alterations at the Workhouse for the purpose of providing further accommodation for sick paupers, at a cost not exceeding £12,000, of which £2,000 will be for fitting up and furnishing the building.

The Guardians are authorised to borrow the above sum of £12,000 upon the security of the Poor Rates of this Parish—viz., £10,000, re-payable with interest in 30 years, and £2,000 in 15 years.

I am desired to inquire whether the Metropolitan Board of Works are willing to advance the sum of £10,000 upon security of the Poor Rates, re-payable by equal annual instalments in 30 years, and if so at what rate of interest.

The Guardians would be prepared to take up £3,000, a portion of the Loan, at once, and the other £7,000 at a later period. The Guardians presume that two Mortgage deeds will be necessary unless provision can be made in one Deed for the advance of both sums.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. BRIDGER.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S. W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

64. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Saint George's Union, Middlesex,
Chief Offices, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square, London, W.
1st August, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed by the Guardians of this Union to inquire if the Metropolitan Board of Works will be willing to lend them twelve thousand five hundred pounds at once, for the purpose of extending their Fulham-road Workhouse, under the authority of Orders of the Local Government Board, and at what rate of interest.

The Guardians have received the sanction of the Local Government Board to their re-paying this Loan by such equal half-yearly payments, as, reckoning principal and interest together, will re-pay the sum borrowed within thirty years.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOMAS WARLOCK,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq., Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
(Offices) Spring-gardens.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

65. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. E. Gibb, Clerk to the Vestry of St. Pancras, dated 30th July, 1883, transmitting a statement of the cost of effecting the Mabledon-place Improvement, towards which the Board had consented to contribute.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

66. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Fairbairn, Hon. Secretary of the Political Committee of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers Association, dated 1st August, 1883, asking that a Deputation might be received by the Board on the 10th instant, to present a Memorial representing the views of the Association with regard to the amendment of the Bye-laws relating to public Meeting in the Parks and Open Spaces under the control of the Board; and transmitting a copy of a Resolution passed at a Meeting of Ratepayers on the 29th July, to the effect that they were determined to support the alleged right of public Meeting in the Parks and Open Spaces.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Fairbairn be informed that, having regard to the fact that proceedings are at present pending before a Police Magistrate in connection with the question, to which his Letter refers, the Board do not deem it desirable to receive the proposed Deputation on the date named.

67. The Clerk presented a Letter from Sir R. E. Welby, Treasury, dated 31st July, 1883, conveying the sanction of the Lords Commissioners to the proposed appropriation of the amount receivable by the Board in respect of the recent issue of Three per Cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, and the Accountant, for information.

68. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Farren, C.E., on behalf of the Welsh Granite Company (Limited), dated 2nd August, 1883, asking the Board, for the reasons stated in his Letter, to amend the Specification for paving works in Gray's-inn-road, Tenders for which are to be opened by the Board on the 10th instant, by the insertion of the words "or Welsh" after the word "Guernsey," on pages 9 and 27.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

69. The Clerk presented copy Reports and Statements of Accounts of the Gas Light and Coke Company, and of the London Gas Light Company, for the half year ended the 30th June last.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Reports and Accounts be received.

70. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Poole, Hughes and Poole, dated 31st July, 1883, with reference to a Notice served upon Mr. G. J. B. Cobbett, respecting a temporary wooden structure erected at the rear of No. 138, Drummond-street, St. Pancras, and asking that Mr. Cobbett might be allowed to attend the Building Act Committee when the subject was considered.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to see the parties interested; and that the Solicitor and the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

71. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. B. Ellis, Hon. Secretary of the Peckham-rye-common Defence League, dated 1st August, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Resolution passed at a public Meeting held on Peckham-rye, on Sunday last, to the effect that the Meeting did not recognise the right of the Board to interfere with any public Meeting on the Common, or on any other Open Space belonging to the ratepayers.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

72. The Clerk presented a Letter from W. Hudson, late a First-class Fireman, asking for a re-consideration of the circumstances under which he was discharged from the Brigade on the ground of physical infirmity, and that a Pension might be granted to him.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration and report.

73. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Cooper, Secretary of the Electric News Telegraph Company (Limited), dated 2nd August, 1883, requesting permission to run wires in the Subway from the Mansion-house to Westminster, and also in the Holborn Subway.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

74. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 31st ultimo, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·1	16·0	17·0	8·5	7·4	7·9	0·6	0·0	0·4	None.
	Camden ..	17·6	16·7	16·9	11·0	9·9	10·4	0·3	0·2	0·2	,,
	Dalston ..	17·5	16·8	17·1	12.1	11·1	11·6	0·0	0.0	0·0	,,
	Bow .	17·6	16·9	17·2	9·7	8·3	9·0	1·8	1·0	1·3	,,
	Chelsea ..	17·0	16·4	16·8	12·4	11·2	11·8	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17·5	17·2	17·3	10·6	9·0	9·8	0·2	0·1	0·2	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·8	20 8	21·3	10·0	8·4	9·2	1·0	0·8	0·9	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham ..	16·6	16·4	16·5	12·2	10·0	11·3	0·4	0·0	0·3	,,
	Tooley-street .	16·7	16·0	16·5	13·3	10·8	11·6	1·0	0·0	0·4	,,
	Clapham ..	17·1	16·6	16·9	10·6	8·4	9·4	0·5	0·0	0·2	,,
	Lewisham ..	17·6	16·8	17·2	6·7	5·6	6·3	1·0	0·4	0·6	,,
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford ..	17·5	16·8	17·1	12·2	9·3	10·9	0·4	0·2	0·3	,,
	St. George-in-the-East .	17·1	16·4	16·9	12·6	10·5	11·6	0·4	0·2	0·3	,,

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, as tested in Bonfield-road, Lewisham, at 9.30 p.m. on the 27th instant, was 1·90 inches.

75. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. Harry Oliver, District Surveyor for the District of St. Mary, Whitechapel; Christ Church, Spitalfields; and the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, for the consent of the Board to the appointment by him of Mr. John Clarkson, District Surveyor, as his Deputy for one month, from the 1st instant.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that this Board do consent to the appointment, by Mr. Harry Oliver, of Mr. John Clarkson, District Surveyor, as his Deputy, and for the performance of the

duties of District Surveyor in the District of St. Mary, Whitechapel; Christ Church, Spitalfields; and the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, for one month, from the 1st instant.

76. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. Alexander Payne, District Surveyor for the District of East Hackney (South) and North Bow, for the consent of the Board to the appointment, by him, of Mr. Robert Pledge Notley, District Surveyor, as his Deputy, from the 8th September to the 9th October next.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that this Board do consent to the appointment by Mr. Alexander Payne, of Mr. Robert Pledge Notley, District Surveyor, as his Deputy, and for the performance of the duties of District Surveyor in the District of East Hackney (South), and North Bow, from the 8th September to the 9th October next.

77. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. Thomas Edward Knightley, District Surveyor for the District of Hammersmith, for the consent of the Board to the appointment by him of his Assistant, Mr. Stevens, as his Deputy for a period of five weeks, from the 14th September next.

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that this Board do consent to the appointment by Mr. Thomas Edward Knightley of his Assistant, Mr. Stevens, as his Deputy, and for the performance of the duties of District Surveyor in the District of Hammersmith, for a period of five weeks, from the 14th September next.

78. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Beale, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 186, 188, and 190, Crystal Palace-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

79. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. S. Browne, on behalf of Mr. J. Goettler, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on a portion of the forecourt of No. 14, Forest-hill-road.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

80. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. J. Thurlow, on behalf of Mr. C. S. Thurlow, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on the forecourts of Nos. 21 and 21A, Dalling-road, formerly Albion-road, Hammersmith, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

81. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Christopher and White, on behalf of Mr. J. C. Eno, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, with one-storey bay windows, on the South side of New-cross-road, Deptford, at the corner of Kender-street, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

82. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Edwards, on behalf of Mr. W. J. Evelyn, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 70 to 81, Evelyn-street, Deptford, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

83. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. T. Niblett, for the consent of the Board to the erection of bay-windows to the first floor of three houses, with one-storey shops, on the West side of Elthorne-road, at the corner of Sunnyside-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

84. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Hamilton, on behalf of Mr. F. C. Clarke, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of No. 2, Newington-green-road, at the corner of Ball's-pond-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Bradfield, and seconded by Mr. Selway—That the application be not granted.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 9, against it 8; and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

85. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Drivers and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Walford, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Nos. 79 and 81, Westminster-bridge-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

86. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Steer, on behalf of Dr. Carver, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Lodge on the West side of St. Julian's-road, Streatham, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

87. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th June, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. Smithem, on behalf of Mr. Saker, for the consent of the

Board to the erection of houses on the East side of South Lambeth-road, at the corner of Fentiman-road, on a portion of the Beaufoy Estate, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the appliction be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

88. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Goldsmith, on behalf of Messrs. Rickett, Smith and Co., for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on a portion of the forecourt of the Cottage adjoining the Railway Station at Gipsy-hill, on the West side of Gipsy-hill, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

89. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Clarke, on behalf of Mr. Martin, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a dwelling-house on the West side of Bloomfield-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

90. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. A. Tucker, for the consent of the Board to the erection of buildings on the East side of Lee-road, Charlton, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded by Mr. Selway—That the application be not granted.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

91. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Rickwood, on behalf of Mr. M. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 27, 27A, and 43 Plumstead-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces separating the proposed shops from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

92. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. S. Quilter, District Surveyor, stating, with reference to the Board's Resolution of 15th December last (No. 8), that a house was in course of erection at the corner of Valley-road and Leigham-court-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

93. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, for approval by Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to a pair of semi-detached villas on the West side of Thirlmere-terrace, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted,

on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

94. Westminster (detached).—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Dowling, on behalf of Messrs. Child and Child, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 1, Seville-street, Lowndes-square, Chelsea, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

95. Westminster (detached).—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. W. Porter, on behalf of the London and County Banking Company, Limited, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building on the North side of Knightsbridge-road, with an enclosed portico, and a balcony over it, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

96. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Webster, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a shed at his Wharf adjoining the towing-path at the Peckham-basin.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

97. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Bell, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of Blackwall-lane, and of the names "Aileen-road, S.W.," "Ellangowan-road, S.W.," and "Glenalmond-road, S.W.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads.

98. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Evans, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the South side of Pond-lane, Clapton, and for the widening of Pond-lane, in connection therewith, and of the names "Colenso-road, E.," and "Saratoga-road, E." for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

99. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Hodson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the North side of Perry-vale into Sunderland-road, and of the name "Aylward-road, S.E.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

100. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Pearman, for a re-consideration by the Board of his Plan for the formation of a new road to lead out of Lavender-hill, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Selway, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

101. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd August,

1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. C. Pawley, on behalf of Mr. Morgan, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a cart shed at the rear of his premises in Sydenham-road, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

102. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st July, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Thomas, on behalf of Messrs. Burt, Boulton and Haywood, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a lean-to shed at No. 299, Rotherhithe-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

103. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st July, 1883, on the application of Mr. Shum, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a lean-to shed at No. 3, Regent's-buildings, Wakefield-street, Brunswick-square, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

104. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th July, 1883, on the application of Messrs. J. M. Macey and Sons, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a Church on the East side of Bethune-road, Stoke Newington, with walls of Portland cement concrete, faced externally with stone and internally with brickwork.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that a License, with such conditions as to the quality and composition of the concrete, and other matters, as are contained in the form of License approved by the Board on the 28th November, 1879 (No. 6), be granted to the applicants.

105. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Hutchings, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a cart-shed and stable at his premises in Sydenham Lower-road, Sydenham, with walls of Portland cement concrete.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that a License, with such conditions as to the quality and composition of the concrete, and other matters, as are contained in the form of License approved by the Board on the 28th November, 1879 (No. 6), be granted to the applicant.

106. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th July, 1883, on the application of Mr. B. Standish, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a house on the South-West side of Trevelyan-road, Tooting, with a portion of the flank wall of Portland cement concrete.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that a License, with such conditions as to the quality and composition of the concrete, and other matters, as are contained in the form of License approved by the Board on the 28th November, 1879 (No. 6), be granted to the applicant.

107. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th July, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. E. R. Hewitt, District Surveyor, stating that a house on the West side of Frazier-street, Lambeth-marsh, at the corner of Carey-street, which had recently been condemned as a Dangerous Structure, and was being pulled down, would, if re-erected on the old foundations, appear to be in advance of the general line of buildings.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

108. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd August, 1883, on a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of a house on the South side of Lavender-hill, the flank wall of which was within 20 feet of the centre of Wix's-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

109. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd August, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. H. Hart, with reference to proposed alterations at the "Star" Music-hall in Abbey-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the applicants be informed that the Plans submitted by them, are not in accordance with the Regulations of the Board with regard to Theatres and Music-halls.

110. Bethnal-green.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd August, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Committee, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary building on a site formerly used as a Burial-ground, in Peel-grove.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Selway, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

111. City of London.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd August, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. A. Godwin, on behalf of the City of London Real Property Company, Limited, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of Offices on the East side of Mincing-lane, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1885.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

112. Islington.—Read a Reportby the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd August, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Committee, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a temporary building in grounds belonging to The Priory, in Upper-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a period of One year from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

113. Lewisham.—Read a communication from Mr. James Tolley, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of Sydenham, dated 31st July, 1883, notifying that a Church and Hall in Stanstead-road, Forest-hill, a pair of Cottages in Oaksford-avenue, Wells-road, Sydenham, and two houses in Sydenham High-road, at the corner of Venner-road, were about to be erected under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved, by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. James Tolley, District Surveyor for the District of Sydenham, did on the 31st day of July, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said James Tolley was engaged to act professionally in respect of the erection of a Church and Hall in Stanstead-road, Forest-hill, a pair of Cottages in Oaksford-avenue, Wells-road, Sydenham, and two houses in Sydenham High-road, at the corner of Venner-road, and the said James Tolley has been since the said date,

and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Charles James Badger, District Surveyor for the District of Lewisham, be appointed by this Board, and the said Charles James Badger is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

114. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, stating that Mr. J. Collis, District Surveyor, proposed that his District Office should be removed to Chesham Lodge, Burnt-ash-hill, Lee.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the situation of the said District Office be approved.

115. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd August, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Moody and Sankey's Committee, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a temporary building in grounds belonging to Down's Lodge, Merton-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for One year from this date, on condition that the Owners do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

116. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to the gables of a detached house on the West side of Ambleside-avenue, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

117. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd August, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. C. Clarke, on behalf of Messrs. Holland and Holland, with reference to the cubical contents of No. 479, Oxford-street, as shown on the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Committee be authorised to confer with the parties thereon, if necessary.

118. It was moved by Mr. Selway, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That Mr. Garrett be appointed on the Works and General Purposes and the Appeal Committees, and also on the Finance Committee, in lieu of Mr. Elam, who resigns his place thereon.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 10th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 6.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **10th** day of **August**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. M'Garel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.	James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.	George Edwards, Esq.
Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	William Halford Fell, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.	James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	John Runtz, Esq.	George Brown, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.	John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.
John Abbott, Esq.	Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	Alfred Pocock, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.	Robert Jones, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
	Robert Furniss, Esq.	Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 3rd instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board, present at such Meeting.

2. Read a Letter, as follows—

25, Highbury-crescent,
August 8th, 1883.

To the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Dear Sir James,—Increasing deafness and a desire for relief from the duties of public work, impel me to surrender my post as the Representative of Clerkenwell at the Metropolitan Board of Works, and I hereby resign my seat accordingly.

On taking leave of my colleagues, I desire to testify my deep sense of the unvarying courtesy I have experienced from them during the seventeen years I have had the honour of being a Member of their body.

It is no mere eulogium to offer my testimony, that to your able and impartial presidency I have been much indebted, during the thirteen years of your Chairmanship; a position I trust you may be enabled to hold for many years to come, alike to the advantage of the Metropolis and your colleagnes. I further hope that my successor taking part in great questions of improvements and communications which have yet to be dealt with, may (more fortunate than I) be enabled to assist in the formation of a line of street that will bring the

Northern and North-Eastern parts of the Metropolis into direct communication with its Western portion.

I beg through you to tender to the Clerk, and the Officers of the Board, my thanks for the assistance I have always obtained when seeking information in connection with my work as a Member.

Finally, I assure you that I shall ever look back with pride upon the years during which I have taken part in many measures of the highest importance to the welfare of this great Metropolis, and throughout the remainder of my life shall watch with the keenest interest the valuable labours of my former colleagues.

Believe me, &c.,
(Signed) E. J. THOMPSON.

To Sir James Macnaghten McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P.,
Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That Mr. Thompson's resignation be notified to the Vestry of Clerkenwell.

3. This being the day appointed for receiving Tenders for making, completing, and delivering six new Boilers for use at the Crossness Pumping Station, the Clerk laid before the Board the Tenders which he had received pursuant to the Advertisement.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the said Tenders be now opened.

The said Tenders were then opened as follows—

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. James Watt and Co., No. 90, Leadenhall-street, and Soho, Birmingham	2,550	0	0
Messrs. Oliver and Co. (Limited), Broad Oaks Ironworks, Chesterfield	2,575	0	0
Messrs. A. Anderton and Sons, Antly Boiler Works, Accrington, Lancashire	2,600	0	0
Mr. E. Heaton, Holt-town, Manchester	2,621	0	0
The Chadderton Ironworks Company (Limited), Irle-vale, Chadderton	2,700	0	0
Messrs. W. R. Renshaw and Co., Union Foundry, Kidsgrove ...	2,800	0	0
Messrs. Tinker, Shenton, and Co., Hyde Boiler Works, Hyde ...	2,800	0	0
Messrs. W. Bland and Son (Limited), Union Foundry, Bury, Lancashire	2,866	0	0
Mr. J. Clayton, Soho Foundry, Preston, Lancashire	2,885	0	0
Messrs. Russell and Robertson, Marsh Boiler and Bridge Works, Workington	3,000	0	0
Messrs. R. Daglish and Co., St. Helen's Engine Boiler, Bridge Works and Foundry, St. Helen's, Lancashire	3,019	0	0
Mr. J. Walley, St. Mary's Bridge Boiler Works, Derby ...	3,095	0	0
The Oldham Boiler Works Company (Limited), Oldham-edge, Oldham, Lancashire	3,120	0	0
Messrs. John Rowan & Sons (Limited) York-street Foundry, Belfast	3,140	0	0
Messrs. W. and J. Yates, Canal Foundry, Blackburn ... ... (Or, if a certain description of steel be used, £3,220).	3,150	0	0
Messrs. Appleby Brothers, East Greenwich, and No. 89, Cannon-street	3,174	0	0
Messrs. J. and J. Horsfield, Vulcan Ironworks, Dewsbury ...	3,175	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. J. D. Stevenson and Co., Canal Foundry, Preston, Lancashire	3,230	0	0
Messrs. Gimson and Co. Leicester	3,252	0	0
The Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company (Limited), Blackwall	3,465	0	0
Messrs. Easton and Anderson, No. 3, Whitehall-place ...	3,595	0	0
Messrs. Nasmyth, Wilson, and Co. (Limited), Bridgewater Foundry, Patricroft, near Manchester	3,666	0	0
Messrs. Vernon, Ewens, and Co., No. 7, Westminster-chambers	4,175	0	0
Messrs. T. Hill and Sons, Victoria Ironworks, Heywood, near Manchester	4,500	0	0
Messrs. A. F. Craig and Co., Caledonian Engine Works, Paisley	4,750	0	0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Edwards, and resolved—That the Tender of Messrs. Watt and Co., for making, completing, and delivering six new Boilers for use at the Crossness Pumping Station, for a sum of £2,550, be accepted.

No person was in attendance on behalf of Messrs. Watt and Co.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Solicitor to take steps with a view to the preparation of the necessary Contract with Messrs. Watt and Co.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, in the event of any question being raised by Messrs. Watt and Co. with respect to their Tender, the Engineer be authorised to offer the work to Messrs. Oliver and Co., whose Tender is the next lowest in amount.

4. This being the day appointed for receiving Tenders for the execution of Paving works in connection with the Gray's-inn-road Improvement,

The Clerk laid before the Board the several Tenders which he had received pursuant to the Advertisement.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the several Tenders be now opened.

The said Tenders were then opened, as follows—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. J. Griffiths, No. 283, Kingsland-road ... ... (Or £200 less if Carnarvon granite be used.)	10,180	0	0
Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Grosvenor Wharf, Westminster	10,347	0	0
Messrs. Nowell and Robson, Warwick-road, Kensington ...	11,829	0	0
Messrs. Kellett and Bentley, No. 4, Queen Victoria-street ...	13,000	0	0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and resolved—That the Tender of Mr. J. J. Griffiths, for the execution of paving and other works in Gray's-inn-road, in connection with the Gray's-inn-road Improvement, for a sum of £10,180, be accepted, subject to the usual enquiries, and that it be left to the discretion of the Engineer to determine what description of granite shall be used in the works.

The agent of Mr. Griffiths was then called and informed of the acceptance of the Tender, and in reply to a question by the Chairman, he stated that Mr. Griffiths was prepared to carry out the works in accordance with the Specification and for the amount of his Tender.

5. Mr. Richardson handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Greenwich, District,
141, Greenwich-road, Greenwich, S.E.
9th August, 1883.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed to respectfully suggest that when the Sewer in Church-street, Deptford, is finished, the Metropolitan Board should pave the portion of the road under which the Sewer runs with granite cubes, as they paved the part of the street from the Broadway to the Mill, as it would be an improvement to the street and a great protection to the Sewer.

I shall be obliged by your laying this Letter before the Metropolitan Board of Works,

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. SPENCER,
Clerk of the Board.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works, Spring-gardens.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

6. Mr. Furniss handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of St. Pancras,
General Business Department,
Vestry Hall, Pancras-road,
9th August, 1883.

Sir,—At a Meeting of the Vestry, held yesterday, a Report from the General Purposes Committee (of which the annexed is a copy) was adopted, and I was directed to ask that you would present the same to your Board.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. ECCLESTON GIBB,
Vestry Clerk

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

Copy Resolution.

"That the Metropolitan Board of Works be requested, in any Scheme for making more "direct communication between the Strand and Holborn, that such communication should "enter Holborn opposite Southampton-row, and that, in connection therewith, the Board should "consider the necessity for removing the gate by St. Pancras Church, and so make a direct "thoroughfare from Euston-road and the North of London to the Strand."

It was moved by Mr. Furniss, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Resolution be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

7. Mr. Munro, in the absence of Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Finance Committee.

Spring-gardens, 7th August, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £23,078 11s. 5d. be paid.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Westminster District Board, for payment of this Board's contribution towards the Improvement at Francis-street, Westminster, referred by the Board on the 29th June last (No. 8). The Board, on the 28th October, 1881 (No. 4), agreed to contribute one-half of the value (to be determined

by their Superintending Architect) of the land required for the Improvement, on the usual Certificates of the completion and cost of the work. Your Superintending Architect has certified the value of the land acquired and added to the public way to be £2,000, and Certificates that that amount has been paid for the land, and that the necessary works have been completed, having been submitted to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £1,000 in favour of the District Board.

In accordance with the Resolution of the Board, of the 27th ultimo (No. 5), your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Bermondsey, requesting payment of the Board's contribution towards the Improvement in Crosby-row. On the 14th July, 1882 (No. 4), the Board agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £500, of the Improvement in question, on the usual Certificates of their Officers. Certificates of the completion of the work, at a net cost of £995, having been submitted to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £497 10s. in favour of the Vestry.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Poplar District Board, for payment of this Board's contribution towards the Improvement in Fairfield-row, Bow, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 61). The Board on the 24th March, 1880 (No. 7), agreed to contribute one-half, not exceeding £350, of the net cost incurred by the District Board, in connection with the re construction of the Bridge carrying the Great Eastern Railway over Farnfield-road, on the usual Certificates of their Officers of the completion and cost of the work. Your Engineer has certified as to the completion of the work, and your Accountant has reported that the sum of £700 has been paid by the District Board to the Great Eastern Railway Company in connection therewith, and your Committee, therefore, recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £350, in favour of the District Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letters from the Vestry of St. Pancras, requesting payment of the Board's contribution towards the Improvement at Angler's-lane, Kentish-town, and, applying for a Loan to defray the cost of carrying out the same, referred by the Board on the 10th February, 1882 (No. 42), and the 27th July last (No. 100). The Board, on the 19th November, 1880 (No. 9), agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost of the work, not exceeding £1,500, on the usual Certificates of their Officers. The matter has been standing over for some time, pending the sale of the surplus land, which the Vestry have now decided to retain for a store depôt, and they value the land at £150; but had it been sold as building land, your Superintending Architect is of opinion that it would have realised £240, and your Committee have accordingly taken that sum as its value. Certificates of the completion and net cost of the work, after deducting the cost of certain works to which the Board declined to contribute, having been presented to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £910 18s. 0d. in favour of the Vestry.

Your Committee have considered the request of the Vestry for a Loan of the amount necessary to defray the cost of the Improvement. The total amount expended by the Vestry, after deducting the value of the recoupments, is £2,114 6s. 7d., less the Board's contribution of £910 18s. 0d., leaving the amount to be raised by Loan £1,203 8s. 7d. Your Committee see no objection to the Board advancing to the Vestry a sum of £1,200, and spreading the re-payment over 30 years, as requested by them, and your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of St. Pancras, for permission to borrow the amount necessary to defray the cost of effecting the Improvement at Angler's-lane, Kentish-town, be granted to the extent of £1,200; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual

instalments on each 1st October, within 30 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Fulham District Board, for permission to borrow £5,389 14s. 5d., referred by the Board on the 13th ultimo (No. 10). Of the amount to be borrowed, £2,889 14s. 5d. is required to defray the excess cost of purchasing land, and for law costs and expenses in carrying out seven Local Improvements, beyond the amounts contributed by this Board, and £2,500 for wood-paving. From a statement furnished by the District Board it appears that the sum of £4,734 14s. 5d. has been expended by them in carrying out the seven Improvements referred to, of which £3,285 2s. was paid for the land, and £1,449 12s. 5d. for law costs and expenses in carrying out the works. These costs appear to be very heavy in proportion to the extent of the Improvements, and your Committee consider that the Loan in respect thereof should be limited to £2,000. With reference to the wood-paving your Engineer reports that it is proposed to lay down 5,000 yards in King-street, Hammersmith, at a cost of £2,500, which he considers fair and reasonable, and that, having had an account taken of the traffic, six years is the maximum period which should be allowed for re-payment. Your Committee concur in this opinion, and they therefore recommend—

That the application of the Fulham District Board, for permission to borrow £2,889 14s. 5d., to defray the excess cost of purchasing land, and for law costs and expenses in carrying out seven Local Improvements, beyond the amount contributed by this Board, and £2,500 for wood-paving, be granted to the extent of £2,000 and £2,500 respectively; and that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, such sums of £2,000 and £2,500 be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July, and the principal, as to £2,000, being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st of October, within 30 years, and as to £2,500 within 6 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Guardians of St. Pancras, requesting an advance of £11,000 for purchasing a Freehold site for additional Workhouse buildings, referred by the Board on the 6th ultimo (No. 106). Your Committee have also had submitted to them the Letter from Mr. Bolton, calling in question the validity of what was done at the meeting of the Guardians when the Resolution was passed for the purchase of the site in question, referred by the Board on the 3rd instant (No. 56). Since that date the Local Government Board have issued an Order authorising the purchase, but limiting the Loan to £10,170, in respect of which the Guardians now propose to borrow £10,000, and as the propriety of the purchase is one entirely for the Local Government Board to determine, your Committee consider that it disposes of Mr. Bolton's objection. The Board being now in a position, by the passing of their Money Bill, to make the advance, your Committee recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor of the Board, the application of the Guardians of St. Pancras, for a Loan of £10,000 to purchase a Freehold site for the erection of additional Workhouse buildings, be granted; that the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, calculated quarterly, and with the principal being re-paid by equal half-yearly instalments within 30 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Guardians of Hampstead, for a Loan of £10,000, referred by the Board on the 3rd instant (No. 63). The Guardians require the Loan to defray the cost of additional buildings and alterations at their Workhouse, for which they have obtained the necessary Order of the Local Government Board, and they ask for the immediate advance of £3,000. Your Committee, seeing no objection thereto, recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor of the Board, the application of the Guardians of Hampstead, for a Loan of

£10,000 towards the cost of additional buildings and alterations at their Workhouse, be granted to the extent of £3,000; that that amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per cent. per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July, and the principal re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within Thirty years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Guardians of St. George's Union, Middlesex, asking whether the Board would lend them £12,500, and at what rate of interest, referred by the Board on the 3rd instant (No. 60). The Board have not sufficient money in hand, out of which the advance could now be made, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That the Guardians be informed that the Board will not be in a position to make the required advance until January next, and that the rate of interest will then in all probability be £3 10s. per centum per annum.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Managers of the Central London Sick Asylum, asking if the Board will accept re-payment of £7,153 1s. and £28,199 8s., the outstanding balances of Loans advanced to them, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 58). The Loans were advanced to the Managers in the years 1877 and 1878, and were made re-payable by annual instalments extending to the year 1900, but the Managers having sold the Highgate Infirmary, in respect of which the Loans were contracted, now ask the Board if they will receive back the amounts outstanding. The Board can realise by the redemption of 3½ per cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock at 105½ (the average price for the past month), yielding £3 6s. 4d. per cent., but as the Board now receive £3 15s. per cent. for the Loan, the actual loss to the Board would be 7s. 10d. per cent., the present value of which, calculated at 3½ per cent., is £1,068 6s. 1d. Your Committee, considering that the Board should not be called upon to sustain any loss by now accepting the money, recommend—

That the Managers be informed that the Board will be prepared to accept the money on payment of the sum of £1,068 6s. 1d., the loss which the Board would sustain thereby.

Your Committee have re-considered the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums District for a Loan, of £47,345, referred back by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 10). The object of referring the matter back was to await the receipt of a Letter from the Local Government Board giving their approval of the periods over which it was proposed by the Managers to spread the re-payment of the Loan. A Letter has now been received by the Managers from the Local Government Board, stating that they are advised that when the Managers obtain a Loan from this Board their approval of the period of re-payment is not required. As this is a departure from the course hitherto pursued, and places on this Board the responsibility of settling the period within which the Loan should be re-paid, your Committee have carefully considered the objects for which the Loan is required, and, having regard thereto, have thought it necessary to modify their previous recommendation, and they are of opinion that the various amounts making the total of £47,345, should be paid as follows, viz., £32,465, for the purchase of land, within 58 years; £2,500, for the erection of a staircase at Leavesden Asylum, within 30 years; £2,250, for alterations and additions at the Western District Hospital, within 20 years; and £10,130, for the construction of an Ambulance Steamer and the purchase of the ship "Castalia," within 10 years. The Managers having consented to the periods proposed for the re-payment of the Loan, your Committee recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor of the Board, the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums District, for a Loan of £47,345 to purchase land, and for works at their Hospitals, and for purchasing two ships, be granted; that the sum of £32,465 be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, and £14,880 out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of

£3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly; that as to £32,465, the interest be payable on the 31st October, the 31st January, the 31st July, and the 30th April, and the principal re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within 58 years; and as to £14,880, that the interest be payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April and the 1st July, and the principal on each 1st July, as to £2,500, within Thirty years, as to £2,250, within Twenty years, and as to £10,130, within Ten years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have, as a matter of urgency, considered a Letter from the School Board for London, dated the 4th instant (and which will be presented to the Board with this Report), requesting that this Board will advance £100,000 about the 15th October, and £100,000 by the 1st December next, for the purpose of providing or enlarging School-houses. This Board have funds in hand to make the advance, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor of the Board, the application of the School Board for London, for a further Loan of £200,000, for providing or enlarging School-houses, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the sum of £100,000 be taken up by the 15th October and the balance on the 1st December, next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 31st January, the 31st July, the 31st October, and the 30th April, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments, on each 31st January, within 50 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered as to the arrangements necessary for meeting payments which will be required to be made to several of the Board's Contractors during the Recess, and they have received from your Accountant a Statement showing what Cheques it will be necessary to draw for that purpose, which Statement they beg to submit, and they recommend—

That Cheques, in accordance with such Statement, be drawn, and be deposited at the London and Westminster Bank, to be handed to the Contractors during the Recess, upon Certificates from the Engineer and the Superintending Architect respectively, to the effect that work has been executed to the amount of such Cheques, and that the Contractors are entitled to receive the same.

Your Committee have also had before them a Report by your Accountant, requesting that a temporary advance of £8,000 may be made to the Wages, &c., Account, to meet payments for Wages and Petty Disbursements during the Recess. It also appears desirable, with a view of providing for any claims for compensation, and for settlements which may require to be completed during the same period, that the sum of £2,000 should be transferred from the Street Improvements, under the Act of 1877, Account, to the Wages, &c., Account, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That the following Cheques be drawn in favour of the Wages and Petty Disbursement Account to meet payments during the Recess, viz.—

General Working Account	£4,000
Fire Brigade Working Account	4,000
Street Improvements Account, Act of 1877 ...	2,000

Your Committee have caused to be prepared an apportionment of the Establishment Charges of the Board for the half-year ended the 30th June last, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Board. They now submit a copy thereof, and recommend—

That the same be approved, and that such Charges be apportioned accordingly.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) DONALD MUNRO,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
W. H. DALTON.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
WILLIAMS, J., SON AND WALLINGTON—(1948)—		
2734 On account of bill for general jobbing works, area B, quarter to Midsummer, 1883	2,000 - -	
PULSOMETER ENGINEERING CO., LIMITED—(1787)—		
2735 Pulsometer steam-pump, &c., for Crossness pumping-station, July, 1883	91 10 -	
PINK, H. N —(1929)—		
2736 Medical attendance on men at Deptford pumping-station, year to 1st August, 1883	28 - -	
COHEN, S., AND CO.—(1943)—		
2737 Waterproof clothing, June and July, 1883—		
Pumping-stations £24 9 6		
Flushing inspectors, &c. ... ... 14 6 -		
Parks, commons, &c. 1 19 5		
Office, Spring-gardens 3 1 6		
	43 16 5	
WHINCOP AND SON—(1791)—		
2738 Tree-guards for Wells-street-common (contract No. 661)	39 1 8	
HOBMAN, A. C. W., AND CO.—(1788 & 1789)—		
2739 On account of contracts Nos. 642 & 643, for tar paving—		
Southwark-park ... ... £200 - -		
Finsbury-park ... ... 100 - -		
	300 - -	
BATH AND BLACKMORE—(1790)—		
2740 On account of contract for cleaning out the Long Pond and building dwarf-wall at Clapham-common (No 631)	298 6 8	
WILLING AND CO.—(1785)—		
2741 Enamelled iron notice-labels for general use on parks and open spaces, July, 1883	10 13 6	
SHAND, MASON AND CO.—(1786)—		
2742 India-rubber hose for Southwark and Finsbury parks, and Embankment-gardens, June and July, 1883	46 6 -	
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(1783)—		
2743 Wind-guard for lodge at Southwark park, and watch-box for Peckham-rye, March, 1883	41 13 1	
GREGORY, W.—(1688)—		
2744 Field-glasses for use at Bostall-heath and Peckham-rye, July, 1883	4 - -	
BRANGWIN, F., AND CO.—(1681)—		
2745 Repairs to seats at Hackney-commons, and tools for use at Finsbury-park, February and March, 1883	4 11 7	
DOLTON, BOURNES AND DOLTON—(1664)—		
2746 Stakes for trees, Goose-green, June, 1883	3 5 -	
SUMMERFORD, J. S.—(1654)—		
2747 Furniture for keeper's hut at Peckham-rye, April, 1883	3 3 6	
Carried forward	£2,914 7 5	

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	2,914 7 5	...
Compton, J., and Sons—(1610)—			
2748	Uniform clothing, quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
	Parks and common-keepers £153 1 3		
	Offices, Spring-gardens ... ... 14 17 –		
		167 18 3	
Lapthorne and Co.—(1784)—			
2749	General repairs, &c., at sundry parks and open spaces, quarter to 30th June, 1883	251 18 3	
Culverhouse, A. and F.—(1775)—			
2750	Burrs for Hampstead-heath, June, 1883	4 4 –	
Shanks, A., and Son—(1776)—			
2751	Repairs to lawn-mower, Finsbury-park, July, 1883	4 9 2	
Wyman, J. W.—(1777)—			
2752	Carting-work, &c., at Plumstead-common and Bostall-heath, February to June, 1883	9 10 –	
Spanton, C. W.—(1778)—			
2753	Timber for use at Southwark-park, July, 1883	3 – –	
Hobman, A. T., and Son—(1779)—			
2754	Carting-work for Southwark-park, April and June, 1883	28 – –	
Blackmore, T.—(1780)—			
2755	Carting-work for Clapham and Tooting commons, April to June, 1883	17 5 –	
Bassett, H.—(1781)—			
2756	Food, &c., for pony and water-fowl at Finsbury-park, quarter to 30th June, 1883	11 12 8	
Horton, B., and Son—(1782)—			
2757	Fencing, boundary-posts, &c., at Hampstead-heath, Southwark-park, Clapham-common and Bostall-heath, quarter to 30th June, 1883	211 1 11	
Williams, J., Son and Wallington—(1935)—			
2758	Rolling, watering trees, &c., at Wormwood-scrubs, Shepherd's-bush-common, and Parson's-green, April to June, 1883	52 12 6	
Powell and Lealand—(1763)—			
2759	Instruments for use in chemical department, July, 1883	56 – 6	
Townson and Mercer—(1735)—			
2760	Chemicals for testing gas, &c., April to June, 1883	24 1 8	
Parkinson, W., and Co.—(1650)—			
2761	Repairs to gas-holder at gas-meter testing-house, Shoreditch, June, 1883	6 15 –	
Cory, W., and Son—(1802)—			
2762	Coals for gas-meter testing-houses, April, 1883	6 16 –	
Milne, Sons and Macfie—(1931)—			
2763	Gas-fittings and materials for repairs, &c., for Offices, Spring-gardens, April to June, 1883	4 9 10	
McNeill, W.—(1941 & 1942)—			
2764	Extracts from rate-book for Glasshouse-yard, June, 1883 ... ... £2 5 6		
	Services in respect of census returns, March, 1882 ... 2 2 –		
		4 7 6	
Wadeson, C. A.—(1944)—			
2765	Mounting plans, &c., June to August, 1883	9 12 3	
Bridger, T.—(1930)—			
2766	Deposit in lieu of recognisance, *re* Pritchard, Hampstead-heath bye-law, August, 1883	50 – –	
	Carried forward	£3,838 1 11	...

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	3,838	1	11	...		
Bramwell, Sir F.—(1945)—							
2767	Professional charges, October, 1877, to August, 1883—						
	Re Purchase of engines for pumping-stations £117 16 10						
	„ Sewage Discharge Commission 210 10 4						
	„ Bills in Parliament 854 18 9						
		1,183	5	11			
Burnett, R. H.—(1946)—							
2768	Professional charges, May and July, 1883, *re* Metropolitan District Railway ventilators	105	–	–			
Baker, B.—(1806)—							
2769	Professional charges, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session, 1883 ...	378	–	–			
Morton, W., C.E.—(1807)—							
2770	Professional charges, May and June, 1883, *re* Metropolitan District Railway ventilators	108	18	–			
O'Hara, R.—(1921)—							
2771	Counsel's fees, July, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session, 1883 ...	119	8	6			
Freeman, G. M.—(1922)—							
2772	Counsel's fees, June and July, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session, 1883	279	6	–			
Saunders, H. C., Q.C.—(1920)—							
2773	Counsel's fees, July, 1883, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session, 1883 ...	133	7	–			
Walker, S.—(1925)—							
2774	Surveyor's charges, *re* proposed street improvements, Bethnal-green, Postern-row, and Club-row, December, 1882	120	5	–			
Roberts, R. F.—(1917)—							
2775	Copies of evidence, &c., *re* Bills in Parliament, March and April, 1883	8	–	–			
Boyd, D. O.—(1947)—							
2776	Balance of bill for contract-works and extras in warming and ventilating the Board-room, &c., at Spring-gardens (No. 620) ...	67	–	–			
					6,340	12	4
	FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.						
Shand, Mason and Co.—(1818)—							
878	Repairs to engines, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883	137	1	4			
Merryweather and Sons—(1822)—							
879	Repairs to engines, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883	55	11	–			
Fraser and Fraser—(1828)—							
880	Repairs to steam-tugs, June and July, 1883	8	5	–			
Mills and Knight—(1832)—							
881	Repairs to floats, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883	85	10	4			
Abbott and Co.—(1808)—							
882	New boiler to engine, June, 1883	13	–	–			
Bayley, E. H., and Co.—(1826)—							
883	Repairing and maintaining escapes, quarter to 30th June, 1883 ...	305	6	–			
Bray, G.—(1927 & 1935)—							
884	Repairs to wheels and carriages of engines, hose-vans, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883 ... ... £275 7 2						
	New hose-cart, June, 1883 ... ... 9 7 6						
		284	14	8			
Pontifex and Wood—(1823)—							
885	Repairs to gauges of engines, &c., April to June, 1883	14	13	6			
Forrestt and Son—(1821)—							
886	Repairs to boats belonging to floats, June and July, 1883	15	12	6			
Low and Duff—(1833)—							
887	Gun for throwing lines from floats to the shore, June, 1883 ...	23	12	6			
Sandell, J., and Co.—(1817)—							
888	Timber for use at workshops, April to June, 1883...	52	7	5			
	Carried forward	£995	14	3	6,340	12	4

	£ s. d.	£ s.
Brought forward	995 14 3	6,340 12
WINGFIELD, S., AND SONS—(1839)—		
889 Harness, &c., and repairs, quarter to 30th June, 1883	31 9 –	
SMALLBONE, C.—(1819)—		
890 Tilt, hoops, furniture, &c., for men's quarters, quarter to 30th June, 1883	35 9 –	
GOOD, W., AND SON—(1835)—		
891 Rope, canvas packing, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883	122 10 6	
MOORE, A.—(1827)—		
892 Fire-plug and station-indicators, June and July, 1883	243 18 10	
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(1799)—		
893 Repairs at sundry stations, January, 1882, to February, 1883 ...	437 11 5	
SMITH BROTHERS—(1800)—		
894 Repairs at sundry stations, January to June, 1883	133 3 5	
LAING, D. G., AND SON—(1801)—		
895 Repairs at sundry stations, May and June, 1883	18 6 9	
FALKIRK IRON COMPANY—(1803)—		
896 Repairs to ranges at stations, June, 1883	4 13 2	
SAX, J.—(1804 & 1936)—		
897 Electric bells for King-street station, July, 1883 ... £41 5 –		
Repairs to electric lighters, May and June, 1883 ... – 19 6	42 4 6	
OXLEE, D.—(1814)—		
898 Repairs to chairs for men's quarters, quarter to 30th June, 1883 ...	5 15 6	
WHITE, T. E., AND CO.—(1831)—		
899 Furniture, bedding, &c., for men's quarters, quarter to 30th June, 1883	21 8 6	
CLAMP, G.—(1916)—		
900 Taking charge of engine and gear at North Woolwich, quarter to 30th June, 1883	6 10 –	
ELLIOTT, J. J., AND CO.—(1812)—		
901 Clocks, and repairs to stop-watches, June, 1883	7 1 –	
BRITTON AND GILSON—(1811)—		
902 Glass for repairs, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883	2 3 6	
STANTON BROTHERS—(1933)—		
903 Spring-hooks, &c., April and May, 1883	6 14 –	
GREEN, J.—(1928)—		
904 Oil, tallow, paint, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883	689 18 –	
NORRIS, S. E., AND CO.—(1934)—		
905 Delivery-hose, leather for repairs, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883	80 4 8	
NASH, W.—(1829)—		
906 Brooms, brushes, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883...	344 – 6	
PEARCE, T., Executors of—(1816)—		
907 Firewood, April and May, 1883	56 – –	
LILLIE, H. W.—(1813)—		
908 Firewood, May and June, 1883	50 – –	
CORY, W., AND SON—(1932)—		
909 Wallsend and Tanfield coals, April to June, 1883	27 1 –	
RADFORD, D., AND CO.—(1815)—		
910 Welsh coals, April to June, 1883	93 8 6	
GREEN, HOLLAND AND SONS—(1830)—		
911 Hartley's coal and coke, April to June, 1883	363 2 3	
COMPTON, J., AND SONS—(1926)—		
912 Clothing, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883	161 14 9	
Carried forward	£3,980 3 –	6,340 12 4

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	£3,980 3 –	6,340 12 4
Anderson, Abbott and Anderson—(1825)—			
913	Waterproof coats, April and May, 1883	8 15 –	
Almond, G. and W.—(1824)—			
914	Helmets and fittings, quarter to 30th June, 1883	134 10 –	
Smith, T. K.—(1820)—			
915	Boots for firemen, quarter to 30th June, 1883	68 2 6	
Smith, J., and Co.—(1671)—			
916	Stationery, books, &c., quarter to 31st March, 1883	67 – 7	
Medical Officers—(1834)—			
	Allowances for services, quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
917	Propert, J. L. £56 3 4		
918	Taylor, A. A. 38 2 8		
919	Fowler, R. 32 18 4		
920	Sangster, C. 61 1 8		
		188 6 –	
H.M. Postmaster General—(1836)—			
921	Hire of telegraph wires and instruments, quarter to 30th June, 1883	689 14 10	
Starnes, J. S.—(1937)—			
922	Half-year's rent of No. 118, Cock-hill, formerly Ratcliff station, to Midsummer, 1883 (less tax)	39 – 10	
New River Co.—(1940)—			
923	Half-year's water-rent for Holloway-station, to Midsummer, 1883 ...	4 13 –	
Greenwood, J. and J.—(1952)—			
924	Repairs, &c., at Clerkenwell station (Contract No. 617)	351 7 7	
			5,531 13 4
	FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
Ashby and Horner—(1950)—			
925	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Glamis-road, Shadwell (No. 560)	500 – –	
Reading, C. W.—(1951)—			
926	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Theobald's-road, Holborn (No. 565)	450 – –	
Tink, W. D.—(1949)—			
927	Further on account of contract for erection of station at High-street, Lower Norwood (No. 571)	500 – –	
			1,450 – –
	MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
Mowlem, J., and Co.—(1953)—			
999	Further on account of contract for construction of the Ratcliff-highway, &c., relief-lines of the Northern High Level Sewers, (No. 567)		2,000 – –
	METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1877.		
Everitt, F. W. E., Q.C.—(1918)—			
474	Counsel's fees, February, 1883, *re* Drew (Deptford-creek-bridge) ...		29 19 6
	STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 1877.		
London and South-Western Bank, Limited—(1938)—			
6413	Half-cost of re-building party-wall between the bank premises and No. 57, High-street, Peckham	86 8 8	
Nowell and Robson—(1954)—			
6414	Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Kentish-town (No. 647)	800 – –	
			886 8 8
	PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.		
Macfarlane Brothers—(1792 & 1793)—			
	On account of contracts for erection of gymnasiums—		
33	Finsbury-park (No. 644) £318 8 8		
34	Southwark-park (No. 641) 317 13 1		
		636 1 9	
	Carried forward	£636 1 9	16,238 13 10

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	636 1 9	16,238 13 10
WILLIAMS, J., SON AND WALLINGTON—(1794)—		
35 Making up entrance on to Wormwood-scrubs (No. 637)	144 – 3	780 2 –

DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

MOWLEM, J., AND CO.—(1955)—		
1903 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Whitecross-street, &c. (No. 646)		3,457 10 –

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

PETT, W.—(1924)—		
1263 Works and repairs at premises occupied by tenants of the Board, June, 1883—		
Consolidated Loans Fund	248 17 10	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	6 6 –	
		255 3 10
COOK R. J., AND HAMMOND—(1923)—		
1264 Lithography, May, 1881 to April 1883—		
General Working Account	62 2 –	
Thames Floods Prevention	34 19 –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	75 – –	
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	3 6 6	
		175 7 6
TRANSFER TO WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—(1939)—		
Repayment of advances—		
1265 Amount paid for immediate possession of lands required for approach to Tooting-beck-common—		
a Parks and Open Spaces Account	30 – –	
Insurance of premises occupied by tenants of the Board—		
b Consolidated Loans Fund	31 13 –	
Weekly wages, week ending 1st August, 1883—		
c General Working Account £813 9 7		
Fire Brigade Working Account ... ... 1 10 –		
Fire Brigade Capital Account ... ... 15 10 –		
Main Drainage and Main Sewers 55 5 6		
Metropolis Bridges, 1877 ... ... 14 5 –		
Metropolis Bridges, 1881 ... ... 10 9 –		
Street Improvements, 1877 ... ... 16 12 –		
Thames Floods Prevention 29 5 10		
Parks and Open Spaces ... ... 3 3 –		
Consolidated Loans Fund ... ... 14 7 –		
Dwelling House Improvement Fund ... ... 34 13 –		
	1,008 9 11	
Firemen's wages, week ending 4th August, 1883—		
d Fire Brigade Working Account	983 8 6	
	2,053 11 5	
Amounts to be paid through the account—		
Bills for sums under £2—		
e General Working Account—		
Paxman, E. J.—Cartage of apparatus for testing gas-meters	£1 – 6	
Chubb and Son's Lock and Safe Company, Limited—Keys for gas-testing station	– 6 –	
Burrell, F. W.—Repairs to tools, Clapham-common	– 7 6	
Spon, E. and F. N.—Books for Engineer's department ...	– 7 6	
Carried forward ...	£2 1 6 ... 2,053 11 5	20,906 17 2

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ...				...			...			20,906 17 2
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*) ...			£2	1	6	...			2,053 11 5	
Copying accounts—										
Reid, J.... ...	£-	13	4							
Gedge, Kirby and Co.	-	14	8							
Grahames and Co.	1	-	-							
Burchell and Co.	1	7	6							
				3	15	6				
							5	17	-	
f Fire Brigade Working Account—										
General Electric Apparatus Co.— Repairs to gas-lighter ...				-	5	-				
Buck, J.—Firemen's axe ...				-	7	6				
Defries and Son—Lamp-glasses				-	16	3				
Underhay, F. G. — Repairs at Stoke Newington-station ...				-	6	9				
Stephens, J.—Scaling-ladder ...				1	11	3				
Howitt, R. T.—Charcoal for brazing, &c.				-	10	-				
Davis Brothers — Repairs at Watling-street-station ...				1	11	9				
Hazeldine Brothers—Patent cart grease				-	18	-				
							6	6	6	
g Metropolis Bridges, 1877— Water for toll-house, Deptford-creek-bridge							1	7	-	
Rates and Taxes for premises occupied or taken by the Board—										
h Fire Brigade Working Account							80	18	9	
i Dwelling House Improvement Fund ... —							23	13	7	
									118 2 10	
										2,171 14 3
TOTAL										£23,078 11 5

Certified,
(Signed) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(Signed) DONALD MUNRO,
CHAS. HARRIS,
W. H. DALTON,
JOHN TOLHURST,
WILLIAM H. FELL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £23,078 11s. 5d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £1,000, in favour of the Westminster District Board, being the amount of this Board's promised contribution towards the Improvement in Francis-street, Westminster; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £497 10s., in favour of the Vestry of Bermondsey, being the amount of this Board's promised contribution towards the Improvement in Crosby-row, Bermondsey; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £350, in favour of the Poplar District Board, being the amount of this Board's promised contribution towards effecting an Improvement in Fairfield-road, Bow; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £910 18s. 0d., in favour of the Vestry of St. Pancras, being one-half of the net cost, of the Improvement in Angler's-lane, Kentish-town; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Vestry of St. Pancras, for permission to borrow the amount necessary to defray the cost of effecting the Improvement at Angler's-lane, Kentish-town, be granted to the extent of £1,200; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board; out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October, within a period of Thirty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Fulham District Board for a Loan of a sum of £2,889 14s. 5d., to defray the excess cost of purchasing land, and for law costs and expenses in carrying out seven Local Improvements, beyond the amount contributed by this Board, and £2,500 for wood-paving, be granted to the extent of £2,000 and £2,500 respectively; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, such sums of £2,000 and £2,500 be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal, as to £2,000 being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October, within a period of Thirty years, and as to £2,500, within a period of Six years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Guardians of the Poor of St. Pancras, for a Loan of a sum of £10,000 to defray the cost of the purchase of a Freehold site for the erection of additional Workhouse buildings, be granted; that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, calculated quarterly, and, with the principal, being re-paid by equal half-yearly instalments within a period of Thirty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Hampstead, for a Loan of a sum of £10,000 towards defraying the cost of additional buildings and alterations at their Workhouse, be granted to the extent of £3,000; that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year; and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st July, within a period of Thirty years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Guardians of St. George's Union Middlesex, be informed, in reply to their application for a Loan of a sum of £12,500, that the Board will not be in a position to make the advance until January next, and that the rate of interest will probably be £3 10s. per centum per annum.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Managers of the Central London Sick Asylum District be informed, in reply to their offer to re-pay the Board the sums of £7,153 1s. and £28,199 8s., the balances of Loans obtained by them, that the Board will be prepared to accept the money on payment of the sum of £1,068 6s. 1d., the loss which the Board would sustain thereby.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums District, for a Loan of a sum of £47,345 to defray the cost of the purchase of land, of works at their Hospitals, and of purchasing two ships, be granted; that the sum of £32,465 be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, and the sum of £14,880 out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly; that as to the sum of £32,465, the interest be payable on the 31st October, the 31st January, the 31st July, and the 30th April, in each year, and that the principal be re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within a period of Fifty-eight years; and that as to the sum of £14,880, the interest be payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal on each 1st July, as to £2,500 within a period of Thirty years, as to £2,250 within a period of Twenty years, and as to £10,130 within a period of Ten years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

The Clerk presented the Letter from the School Board for London, dated 4th August, 1883, referred to in the Report, applying for a further Loan of £200,000.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the School Board for London, for a further Loan of a sum of £200,000, for providing or enlarging School houses, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the sum of £100,000 be taken up by the 15th October, and the balance on the 1st December next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 31st January, the 31st July, the 31st October, and the 30th April, in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within a period of Fifty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the following Cheques be now drawn, and be deposited at the London and Westminster Bank, to be handed to the Contractors during the Recess, on Certificates from the Engineer and the Superintending Architect respectively, to the effect that work has been executed to the amount of such Cheques, and that the Contractors are entitled to receive the same, viz.—

On Certificates by the Engineer—

Main Drainage and Main Sewers.

No. 1000.	Mowlem, J., and Co.—Sewer from Deptford-broadway to Lee Bridge	£2,205	8	6
,, 1001.	Kellett and Bentley—Sewer from Rotherhithe to Southwark-street	2,065	-	-

No. 1002.	Mowlem, J., and Co.—Ratcliff-highway, &c., and Northern High Level Relief Sewer			£2,000	-	-
,, 1003.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	2,000	-	-
,, 1004.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	1,000	-	-
,, 1005.	Waddell, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—Sewers in Clapham, Battersea, Wandsworth, and Putney			6,112	16	-
,, 1006.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	4,881	12	-
,, 1007.	Nowell and Robson—Wandle Branch Sewer ...			345	14	3
,, 1008.	Pearson, S., and Son—Deptford Storm Overflow ...			1,731	12	-
,, 1009.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	1,984	18	-

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4904.	Colepeper, F. H.—Paving, &c., at Cartwright-street, Whitechapel...			£500	-	-
,, 4905.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	500	-	-
,, 4906.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	300	-	-
,, 4007.	Nowell and Robson—Paving, &c., at Linton-place, St. Marylebone			1,000	-	-
,, 4908.	Ditto	ditto, at Popham-street, Islington		2,000	-	-
,, 4909.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	1,000	-	-
,, 4910.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	1,000	-	-

On Certificates by the Superintending Architect—

Fire Brigade Capital Account.

No. 920.	Reading, C. W.—Erecting Station, Great Scotland-yard, Charing-cross			1,000	-	-
,, 929.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	1,000	-	-
,, 930.	Hook, W. T.—Erecting Station, Faraday-road, North Kensington			467	19	10
,, 931.	Tink, W. D.—Erecting Station, Willow-walk, Kentish-town			500	-	-
,, 932.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	900	-	-
,, 933.	Stimpson and Co.—Enlarging Head-quarters Station			1,500	-	-
,, 934.	Ditto	ditto	ditto	1,500	-	-

Street Improvements, 1877.

No. 6415.	Macey, J., and Sons—Alterations and additions to the London Pavilion Music-hall, Tichborne-street ...			500	-	-

And Cheques were drawn accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the following Cheques be now drawn in favour of the Wages and Petty Disbursement Account, to meet payments during the Recess, viz.—

No. 2,777, General Working Account				£4,000	-	-
,, 935, Fire Brigade Working Account				4,000	-	-
,, 6,416, Street Improvements of 1877 Account				2,000	-	-

And Cheques were drawn accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the apportionment of the Establishment Charges for the half-year ended the 30th June last, be approved, and that such Charges be apportioned as follows—

ACCOUNTS.	General Staff and Office Expenses.		Accountant's Department.		Engineer's Department.		Architect's Department.		Solicitor's Department.		TOTAL.
	Per Cent.	Amount.	Per Cent.	Amount.	Per Cent.	Amount.	Per Cent.	Amount.	Per Cent.	Amount.	
WORKING ACCOUNTS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General	65	12,041 1 2	60	1,779 0 11	27	1,881 6 1	64	2,620 19 6	30	1,560 8 10	19 882 16 6
Fire Brigade	2	370 9 11	5	148 5 1	3	209 0 8	...	...	1	52 0 4	779 16 0
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.											
Fire Brigade	1	185 4 11	2	59 6 0	...	...	2	81 18 1	...	...	326 9 0
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	5	926 4 8	1	29 13 0	25	1,741 19 0	...	...	5	260 1 6	2,957 18 2
Metropolis Bridges ...											
Bridges charged on General Rate (Act of 1877)	...	...	1	29 13 0	5	318 7 9	...	...	...	...	378 0 9
Bridges charged on Sewers Rate (Act of 1881), *i.e.*, new Bridges at Putney and Battersea, and alterations to Bridges at Vauxhall and Deptford-creek	3	555 14 10	2	59 6 0	10	696 15 7	3	122 17 2	8	416 2 4	1,850 15 11
Street Improvements (Act of 1877)	12	2,222 19 4	24	711 12 5	10	696 15 7	17	696 4 0	34	1,768 10 0	6,096 1 4
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.....	8	1,4 1 19 6	5	148 5 1	5	348 7 9	14	573 6 9	16	832 4 10	3,384 3 11
Thames Floods Prevention.....	4	740 19 9	...	...	15	1,045 3 5	...	...	6	312 1 6	2,098 4 8
	100	18,524 14 1	100	2,965 1 6	100	6,967 15 10	100	4,095 5 6	100	5,201 9 4	37,754 6 3

8. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 6th August, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

Main Drainage and Main Sewers.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Childs (Putney to Clapham)—(1840 and 1841)—			
Wilson, Bristows and Carpmael—			
997 Costs of Title and Conveyance		25 10 –	
998 Proportion of Tenants' Rent in respect of premises in South-street, Wandsworth, from Midsummer to 28th July, 1883 (less Tax) ...		12 15 5	
			38 5 5

Albert Embankment.

Re Gibbs' Trustees—(1842)—			
Gray, B.—			
166 Costs of application for payment of Dividends ...			11 4 6
Carried forward	£	...	49 9 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		49 9 11
Metropolis Bridges, 1881.		
Re Dallett's Trustees (Putney)—(1843)—		
Hare, E.—		
462 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 7, Windsor-street, of Clyde House and Windsor-cottage, and piece of land between Windsor-street and the Tow-path, at Putney	3,262 – –	
Phillips, J and J.—		
463 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	16 10 –	
Re Heath (Putney)—(1844)—		
Heath, R.—		
464 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of Nos. 1 to 16, John's-place, garden-ground in Back-lane, Fulham, part of forecourts of Nos. 148, 150, and 152, High-street, and other premises in Fulham, and Nos. 1 to 3, Windsor-street, Putney	5,200 – –	
Lewis, F., and Co.—		
465 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	40 19 –	
Hare and Co.—		
466 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	6 6 –	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
467 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	26 – –	
Re Phillips (Putney)—(1845)—		
Phillips, C. J.—		
468 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in the "Red Lion" Public-house, High-street, Putney, and for goodwill	400 – –	
469 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	16 16 –	
Re Elvin (Putney)—(1846 and 1847)—		
Cooke, W. C.—		
470 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	12 11 10	
471 Proportion of Tenant's Rent, and interest, less Ground-rent, from Christmas, 1881, to 30th July, 1883 (less Tax)	21 – 11	
Re Chelsea Waterworks Company (Putney)—(1848)—		
The Governor and Company of Chelsea Waterworks—		
472 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of Nos. 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, and 128, High-street, Fulham, and strip of land between the River Thames and the above-mentioned houses	2,850 – –	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
473 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	11 15 –	
	———	11,363 18 9
Carried forward		£11,413 8 8

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		11,413 8 8
Street Improvements, 1877.		
Re Mintridge (Islington)—(1849)—		
Dodd, G. R.—		
6323 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	45 9 6	
Re Watney (Gray's-inn-road)—(1850)—		
Pownall and Co.—		
6324 Costs of Title and Conveyance	36 15 –	
Re Rickards and Limebeer (Kentish-town-road)—(1851)—		
Senior, Attree and Johnson—		
6325 Costs of Petition for Investment in Public Funds..	28 10 –	
Re Payne (Camberwell)—(1852)—		
Sturton, John—		
6326 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	21 – –	
Re Bellamy and Tylden (Charing-cross, &c.)—(1853)—		
Hunters, Gwatkin and Haynes—		
6327 Costs of Title and Conveyance	20 17 1	
Re Baker (Kentish-town-road)—(1854)—		
Bank of England, for Chancery—		
6328 Purchase-money and compensation for Leasehold interest in premises in Collumpton-place, and for loss of business, &c.	1,215 – –	
Re Hughes (Gray's-inn-road)—(1855)—		
Hughes, Hooker, Buttanshaw and Thunder—		
6329 Costs of Title and Conveyance, &c.	76 – –	
Re Nelson (Gray's-inn-road)—(1856)—		
Lovell, Sons and Pitfield—		
6330 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	45 – –	
Re Walsh's Trustees (Gray's-inn-road)—(1857)—		
Hudson, G. F., Matthews and Co.—		
6331 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	32 12 4	
Re Holland's Trustees (Piccadilly, &c.)—(1858)—		
Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
6332 Costs of Title and Conveyance	28 7 9	
Re Jacobus (Piccadilly)—(1859)—		
Garrard, James and Wolfe—		
6333 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	12 12 –	
Re Keene (Piccadilly)—(1860)—		
Fuller and Fuller—		
6334 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	23 2 –	
Re Glossop (Piccadilly)—(1861)—		
Purchase-money for Freehold of Nos. 67 and 68, King-street, Soho—		
6335 Glossop, J. J., and Pownall, J. F. £945 – –		
6336 Glossop, F. H. N. ... ... 1,855 – –		
	2,800 – –	
Horwood, J.—		
6337 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	23 7 –	
Carried forward	£4,413 12 8	11,413 8 8

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward		4,413	12	8	11,413	8	8
Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—							
6338 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract		5	5	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—							
6339 Stamp-duty on Conveyance		14	–	–			
Re Johnson's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1862)—							
Garrard, James and Wolfe—							
6340 Costs of Title and Conveyance		37	16	–			
Re Spencer (Piccadilly)—(1863)—							
Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 49, Wardour-street—							
6341 Garrard, B. W., and Garrard, J. M.	£500 – –						
6342 Spencer, W. F.	1,500 – –						
		2,000	–	–			
Glasier and Sons—							
6343 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract		24	3	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—							
6344 Stamp-duty on Conveyance		10	–	–			
Re Robinson (Piccadilly)—(1864)—							
Bernard, Mrs. E.—							
6345 Purchase-money for Leasehold premises, No. 1½ and part of No. 1, Grafton-street... ...		230	–	–			
Walker, S.—							
6346 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract		9	9	–			
Re Pirovano (Piccadilly)—(1865)—							
Pirovano, G.—							
6347 Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 2, Moor-street, Soho ...	£350 – –						
6348 Trade Compensation	650 – –						
		1,000	–	–			
Fuller and Fuller—							
6349 Surveyors' Fee and Charges, as per Contract ...		24	3	–			
Seale and Smith—							
6350 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract		5	5	–			
Re Ellison (Kentish-town-road)—(1866)—							
Ellison, W. C.—							
6351 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 70, Kentish-town-road		725	–	–			
Lewis, F., and Co.—							
6352 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract		16	16	–			
Re Scholl's Executors (Kentish-town-road)—(1867)—							
Tilbury, T., and Witt, D.—							
6353 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 68, Kentish-town-road		690	–	–			
Thurgood and Martin—							
6354 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract		15	15	–			
Smith, H. S.—							
6355 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract		5	5	–			
Carried forward		£9,226	9	8	11,413	8	8

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	9,226	9	8	11,413	8	8
Re Klosz's Executors (Piccadilly)—(1868)—						
London and County Banking Co. (Limited)—						
6356 Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 27, Grafton-street, and No. 1, Moor-street, Soho ...	189	–	–			
Fuller and Fuller—						
6357 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	7	7	–			
Re Hutchings (Piccadilly)—(1869)—						
Croft, W. B.—						
6358 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	11	17	4			
Re Morell's Executors (Piccadilly)—(1870)—						
Morell, Mrs. C. M., and Morell, J.—						
6359 Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 30, Great St. Andrew-street	250	–	–			
Davis and Emanuel—						
6360 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	9	9	–			
Re Smirke's Executors (Piccadilly)—(1871)—						
Drummond and Co.—						
6361 Purchase-money for Leasehold of Nos. 7 and 8, Bloomsbury-street	2,500	–	–			
Glasier and Sons—						
6362 Surveyors' Fees, as per Contract	27	6	–			
Beck, R. C. A.—						
6363 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	5	5	–			
Re Smith (Piccadilly)—(1872)—						
Smith, Miss H.—						
6364 Purchase-money of Leasehold of No. 12, Bloomsbury-street, and Trade compensation ...	600	–	–			
Rex, W.—						
6365 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	18	18	–			
Re Spencer (Piccadilly)—(1873)—						
Purchase-money for Fee-simple of land in Dudley-street, Great St. Andrew-street, Great White Lion-court, Little Earl-street and Monmouth-street—						
6366 Wells, E., and Veal, R. H. ...£6,400 – –						
6367 Spencer, H. H. ... ... 42,600 – –						
	49,000	–	–			
Spencer, H. H.—						
6368 Surveyor's and Preliminary Fees, as per Contract	504	–	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—						
6369 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	245	–	–			
Re Spencer and Veal (Piccadilly)—(1874)—						
Union Bank of London (Limited)—						
6370 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of land in Great St. Andrew-street and Great White Lion-street	19,000	–	–			
Carried forward ...	£81,585	12	–	11,413	8	8

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	81,585	12	–	11,413	8	8
Veal, R. H.—						
6371 Surveyor's and Preliminary Fees, as per Contract	196	–	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—						
6372 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	95	–	–			
Re Kelley (Piccadilly)—(1875)—						
Kelley, C.—						
6373 Purchase-money for Leasehold of Nos. 67 and 68, Dudley-street	1,750	–	–			
Clarkson, J. and S. F.—						
6374 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	23	2	–			
Re Aukland (Piccadilly)—(1876)—						
Aukland, J. C.—						
6375 Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 17, King-street, Soho	1,350	–	–			
Re Bateman (Piccadilly)—(1877)—						
Bateman, W. H.—						
6376 Purchase-money for Freehold interest in No. 42, Wardour-street	1,750	–	–			
Fox, E., and Bousfield—						
6377 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	23	2	–			
Gamlin, Burdet and Woodhouse—						
6378 Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	5	5	–			
Re Knaggs (Kentish-town-road)—(1878)—						
Knaggs, Dr. H. G.—						
6379 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 74, and part of No. 72, Kentish-town-road...	140	–	–			
Furniss and Thorpe—						
6380 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	7	7	–			
Re Holker (Kentish-town-road)—(1879)—						
Holker, A.—						
6381 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 66, Kentish-town-road	700	–	–			
Chadwick and Sons—						
6382 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	15	15	–			
Fraser, J.—						
6383 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	5	5	–			
Re Alden (Piccadilly)—(1880)—						
Alden, J.—						
6384 Purchase-money for Leasehold of No. 9, Bloomsbury-street ... £200 – –						
6385 Trade Compensation ... ... 960 – –						
	1,160	–	–			
Fuller and Fuller—						
6386 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	19	19	–			
Re Pearson (Gray's-inn-road)—(1881)—						
Reynolds and Eason—						
6387 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	11	11	–			
Carried forward ...	£38,837	18	–	11,413	8	8

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	88,837	18	-	11,413	8	8
Re Dawson (Gray's-inn-road)—(1882)—							
Walker, W.—							
6388	Costs of Title and Conveyance	4	6	10			
Re Johnston (Gray's-inn-road)—(1883)—							
Johnston, Rev. W. A.—							
6389	Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 3, Bell-court	550	-	-			
Bartleet, W. G.—							
6390	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	14	14	-			
Re Butler (Piccadilly)—(1884)—							
Biggin, E. H.—							
6391	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	8	13	2			
Re Godfrey (Piccadilly)—(1885)—							
Godfrey, H. D.—							
6392	Purchase-money for Leasehold of part of No. 40, Wardour-street £200 - -						
6393	Trade Compensation ... ... 1,000 - -						
		1,200	-	-			
Blackmore, W. A.—							
6394	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	25	4	-			
Re Murray (Piccadilly)—(1886)—							
Murray, P.—							
6395	Purchase-money for Leasehold of Nos. 1 to 6, Great White Lion-street	1,000	-	-			
Young, A.—							
6396	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	18	18	-			
Veal, R. H.—							
6397	Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	6	6	-			
Re Morris (Piccadilly)—(1887)—							
Veal, R. H.—							
6398	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10	8	6			
Re Woodhouse (Piccadilly)—(1888)—							
Woodhouse, T. W.—							
6399	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 66, Dudley-street	160	-	-			
Surveyors' Fees, as per Contract—							
6400	Emden, W. ... ... £6 6 -						
6401	Driver, R. C. ... ... 6 6 -						
		12	12	-			
Re Osborne (Piccadilly)—(1889)—							
Kinsey, Ade and Hocking—							
6402	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	4	4	-			
Re Duke of Bedford (Piccadilly)—							
London and Westminster Bank (Limited)—							
6403	Purchase-money for Fee-simple of Nos. 1 to 6, Thorney-street, and Nos. 7 to 14, Bloomsbury-street	21,000	-	-			
	Carried forward ...	£112,853	4	6	11,413	8	8

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	112,853	4	6	11,413	8	8
Re Price and Foster (Gray's-inn-road)—(1891)—						
Foster, Mrs. A. R.—						
6404 Purchase-money for Fee-simple in No. 6, Queen's-head-court	500	–	–			
Norton, Trist, Watney and Co.—						
6405 Surveyors' Fee	13	13	–			
Re "Havelock Arms" Public-house (Gray's-inn-road)—(1892)—						
Bolton and Son—						
6406 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	6	6	–			
Re Hamilton (Piccadilly)—(1893)—						
Pocock, T.—						
6407 Assistance on Trade claim	5	5	–			
Re Cotton and Johnson (Piccadilly)—(1894)—						
Bourn, H.—						
6403 Valuing Stock, and assistance on Trade claim	15	15	–			
			—	113,394	3	6
Tooley-street Extension, 1882.						
Re Arkcoll—(1895)—						
Arkcoll, F. W.—						
14 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 190, Tooley-street...	2,640	–	–			
Snooke and Stock—						
15 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	28	7	–			
Arkcoll and Cockell—						
16 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	10	10	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—						
17 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	13	5				
Re Jameson—(1896)—						
Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 191, Tooley-street—						
18 Jameson, Rev. G. B. £1,600	–	–				
19 Jameson, C. E. 800	–	–				
20 Jameson, Miss E. J. 800	–	–				
	3,200	–	–			
Brown, Roberts and Co.—						
21 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	30	9	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—						
22 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	16	–	–			
Re Knight—(1897)—						
Knight, W.—						
23 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 178, Tooley-street	800	–	–			
24 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	16	16	–			
			—	6,755	7	–
Carried forward				£131,562	19	2

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		131,562 19 2
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Mitchell's Trustees (Main Drainage)—(1898)— Crawter, J., Riley, E., and Newman, F.—		
908 Half-year's Rent in respect of Nos. 12 to 18, Borrodaile-road, to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	6 16 8	
Re Rogers' Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1899)— Abbott, Jenkins and Co.—		
909 Half-quarter's Rent of No. 27, Grafton-street, from Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	4 17 11	
Re Birkbeck Building Society (Piccadilly)—(1900)— Poncione and Leggatt—		
910 Rent of No. 23, Grafton-street, from Midsummer to 25th July, 1883 (less Tax)	6 10 7	
Re Holland's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1901)— Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
911 Rent of Nos. 32 and 32A, Greek-street, Soho, from Midsummer to 1st August, 1883 (less Tax)	12 4 6	
Re Glossop (Piccadilly)—(1902)— Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
912 Half-quarter's Rent of Nos. 67 and 68, King-street, Soho, from Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax) ...	12 4 9	
Re Spencer (Piccadilly)—(1903)— Garrard, James and Wolfe—		
913 Half-quarter's Rent of No. 49, Wardour-street, Soho, from Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax) ...	9 15 10	
Re Whiting's and Friend's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(1904)— Lucas and Sons—		
914 One-quarter's Rent of No. 24, Grafton-street, to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	16 16 8	
Re Hutchings (Piccadilly)—(1905) Croft, W. B.—		
915 Balance of Rent of No. 1, Thorney-street, and Insurance premium, from Midsummer to 27th July, 1883 (less Tax)	3 14 3	
Re Spencer (Piccadilly)—(1906)— Veal, R. H.—		
916 Half-quarter's Rent of premises in Great St. Andrew-street, Dudley-street, Great White Lion-street, Little Earl-street, and Monmouth-court, from Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)	237 14 8	
Re Spencer and Veal (Piccadilly)—(1907)— Veal, R. M.—		
917 Half-quarter's Rent of premises in Great St. Andrew-street, and Great White Lion-court, from Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax) ...	137 9 1	
		448 4 11
Carried forward		£132,011 4 1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward		...		132,011	4	1
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.						
Re Bohli (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1908)—						
Mote, E. and W.—						
4893 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	24	18	9			
Gole, J. and R.—						
4894 Cost for searches, &c.	5	6	2			
Re Parfitt (Bedfordbury)—(1909 and 1910)—						
Parfitt, Right Rev. C., D.D.—						
4895 Compensation for release of Fee-farm-rent, issuing out of No. 31, Bedfordbury, and Nos. 1 to 10, Horse-and-Groom-yard ...	100	–	–			
English, A. H.—						
4896 Costs of Title and release	5	5	–			
Re Gould (Whitecross-street)—(1911)—						
Gould, G.—						
4897 Compensation for damage sustained by erection of buildings by the Peabody Trustees ...	45	–	–			
Re Lofthouse (Goulston-street)—(1912)—						
Lofthouse, G. C.—						
4898 Compensation for yearly tenancy in Nos. 1 to 3, Sugar-loaf-court	25	–	–			
Re Kendall (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1913)—						
Kendall, T.—						
4899 Compensation for right-of-way from No. 259, High-street, and yearly tenancy in Coach-house in Sydney-place	110	–	–			
Re Dangerfield (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1914)—						
Dangerfield, Mrs. M.—						
4900 Purchase-money for Copyhold interest in sites of Nos. 1 to 10, White Hart-place, and three houses in Claremont-place	380	–	–			
				695	9	11
Sundry Accounts.						
Walker, S.—(1915)—						
1262 Surveyor's Fees, and as Witness—						
Metropolis Bridges, 1881—						
Re Caudrey (Putney)	8	8	–			
Street Improvements, 1877—						
Re Cook (Piccadilly) ... £5 5 –						
,, C. J. Smith (Piccadilly) ... 18 11 –						
,, Bailey (Piccadilly) ... 5 5 –						
,, Lawrence (Piccadilly) ... 17 17 –						
,, Spencer (Piccadilly) ... 52 10 –						
,, Soltair's Trustees (Piccadilly) 17 3 –						
,, Owen (Piccadilly) ... 14 – –						
,, Aukland (Piccadilly) ... 14 – –						
,, Müller (Piccadilly) ... 8 8 –						
,, Bateman (Piccadilly) ... 14 14 –						
	167	13	–			
Carried forward	£176	1	–	132,706	14	–

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	176 1 -	132,706 14 -
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Wheeler (Wells-street, Poplar) ...	19 5 -	
		195 6 -
		£132,902 - -

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques, as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand longer than Three months—

Street Improvements, 1877.

Re Payne (Camberwell)—(2724-1881)—				
6409	Sturton, J.—Purchase-money	1,300 - -		
Re Murphy (Camberwell)—(2726-1881)—				
Purchase-money—				
6410	Murphy, W. A.	£580 - -		
6411	Sturton, J.	35 - -		
		615 - -		
			1,915 - -	

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

Re Bond (Goulston-street)—(2271-1881)—				
4901	Bond, E.—Purchase-money	100 - -		
Re Curd (Wells-street, Poplar)—(98-1883)—				
4902	Curd, W. H.—Compensation	20 - -		
			120 - -	
			£2,035 - -	

Your Committee have further to report that they have cancelled the Cheque (No. 6,293) Street Improvements, 1877, drawn on the 30th ultimo, 1883, in favour of Messrs. Lovell, Sons and Pitfield, *re* Nelson, for £62 5s. 6d., and that they have drawn another Cheque (No. 6,412) in their favour for £37 4s. 2d. in lieu thereof.

Your Committee submit, for the information of the Board, an account of the sale of Freehold land, in Union-road, Rotherhithe, by Mr. F. J. Bisley, on the 9th ultimo.

Deposit on sale, 20 per cent. on £3,005			£600 - -
Less—			
Commission £1 10s. per cent. on £3,000...		£45 - -	
Printing...	£11 10 -		
Bill-posting	3 - -		
Auction-room, &c. ...	5 5 -		
Advertisements	18 17 -		
		38 12 -	
			83 12 -
Amount received by Board, 30th July, 1883			£516 8 -

Your Committee have further to report that they have authorised the Sub-Committee upon the examination of Accounts, in the event of further Cheques being required before the Board adjourn for the Recess, to examine the list of proposed payments, and to submit the same to the Board on Friday, the 10th instant, in order that Cheques may be drawn for the several amounts required.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 6th ultimo (No. 5), from the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, asking the Board to contribute towards

the amount to be paid by the Vestry to the Great Eastern Railway Company as a contribution towards the cost of constructing a new Bridge at the junction of Morpeth-street and Devonshire-street. Your Committee have taken an opportunity of viewing the locality, and have consulted your Solicitor upon the provisions of the Great Eastern Railway Act, 1881, under which the Vestry are entitled to call upon the Company to re-construct the existing Bridge in the manner described in the application. Your Committee have also conferred with your Engineer, who states that the contribution of £1,000, to be made by the Vestry, is not an unreasonable sum for the advantages to be gained. He, however, suggests the desirability of an endeavour being made to induce the Company to make the span of the Bridge 40 feet throughout, in which suggestion your Committee concur. They are of opinion that the application of the Vestry merits the favourable consideration of the Board, and they submit the following recommendation—

> That the Board do contribute, on the usual conditions, one-half of the sum of £1,000 to be paid by the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town to the Great Eastern Railway Company, as a contribution towards the cost of constructing a new Bridge at the junction of Morpeth-street and Devonshire-street, and that the Vestry be informed that if they can induce the Company to make the span of the Bridge 40 feet throughout, the Board will contribute one-half of the additional cost.

Your Committee have considered the subject, referred on the 3rd instant (No. 21), of the construction by Mr. Vigers of the sewer in Fermoy-road, Harrow-road, at variance with the Plan approved by the Board. Your Solicitor has advised that the question is one which should be left for the Vestry to deal with, and your Committee, under his advice, have addressed a Letter to the Vestry informing them that the Board require that the sewer shall be constructed in accordance with the approved Plans; and requesting them to exercise their authority to compel Mr. Vigers to carry out such Plans. Your Committee request the sanction of the Board to the course taken.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Board of the 3rd instant (No. 48), your Committee have considered the Bill introduced by the First Commissioner of Works, &c., into the House of Commons to provide for the maintenance of the new streets at Hyde-park-corner. The Bill appears to carry out the arrangement which the Board were willing to adopt with regard to the question, and your Committee therefore recommend—

> That no action be taken with reference to the Bill.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 21st October, 1881 (No. 7), asking for a contribution towards the cost of an Improvement by acquiring a portion of the forecourts and setting back the fences of Nos. 1 to 6, Ann's-terrace, Harwood-road, Fulham. The road, at its narrowest point, was only 35 feet wide, and by the Improvement it is widened to 50 feet, and an inconvenient projection is removed. The total cost is £280 2s. 1d., of which amount the cost of the land is £120. Your Committee, having viewed the locality and ascertained from your Superintending Architect that the cost of the land is fair and reasonable, recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the land acquired by the District Board for the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £60, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 3rd instant (No. 73), from the Electric News Telegraph Company (Limited), requesting permission to run their wires in the Board's Subways from the Mansion-house to Westminster, and also in the Holborn Subway. It is proposed to carry the cable containing the wires upon spikes driven into the walls of the Subways, and your Committee, after conference with your Engineer, recommend that the proposal be sanctioned in the Board's Subways from the Mansion-house to Westminster, upon similar conditions to those upon which they recently, upon the recommendation of your Committee,

permitted the Exchange Telegraph Company to carry their cable through those Subways, viz.—

> That the work be done, and any damage caused to the Subways in its execution made good, to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board, and at the sole cost of the Company, and that, as in the cases of the Gas, Water, Telegraph, &c., Companies having their Mains and wires in the Board's Subways, no charge be made for the accommodation; that the Company shall, under the control of the Board, have access to the Subways for the arrangement or alteration of their wires, and shall, if the Board deem fit, pay, like the Gas Companies, a proportion of the wages of the Inspector of Subways.

The Holborn Subway is under the charge of the City Authorities, and your Committee recommend that the Company be referred to them.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
JOHN RUNTZ,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
DONALD MUNRO,
WM. SHEPHERD,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
A. EWIN.

The Account of the sale of land in Union-road, Rotherhithe, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report to be made this day by the Sub-Committee appointed by the Works and General Purposes Committee to examine certain Accounts, be received by the Board, and that Cheques be drawn for the several amounts required.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the sum of £1,000, to be paid by the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town to the Great Eastern Railway Company as a contribution towards the cost of constructing a new Bridge at the junction of Morpeth-street and Devonshire-street, that such contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in the Board's Standing Order of the 3rd instant, (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply; that the contribution be paid to the Vestry upon the usual Certificates of the Engineer and the Accountant of the Board, and that the Vestry be informed that if they can induce the Railway Company to make the span of the Bridge 40 feet throughout, the Board will contribute one-half of the additional cost of that work.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Committee on the reference to them of the Letter from the Vestry of Paddington, stating that Mr. Vigers is not constructing the sewer in Fermoy-road, Harrow-road, in accordance with the Plan sanctioned by this Board, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That no action be taken with reference to the Hyde-park-corner (New Streets) Bill, introduced by the First Commissioner of Works, &c.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the land acquired by the Fulham District Board for an Improvement carried out by them at Nos. 1 to 6, Ann's-terrace, Harwood-road, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £60, and to be paid to the District Board, on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by

the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd instant (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Electric News Telegraph Company (Limited), for permission to run wires in the Subway from the Mansion-house to Westminster, be granted, upon condition that the work be done, and any damage caused to the Subways in its execution made good, to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board, and at the sole cost of the Company, and that, as in the cases of the Gas, Water, Telegraph, &c., Companies having their Mains and wires in the Board's Subways, no charge be made for the accommodation; and that the Company be allowed, under the control of the Board, to have access to the Subways for the arrangement or alteration of their wires, and do, if the Board deem fit, pay, like the Gas Companies, a proportion of the wages of the Inspector of Subways, and that the Company be informed that the Holborn Subway, to which they refer in their Letter, is under the jurisdiction of the City authorities, to whom they should apply.

9. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 10th August, 1883.

Your Committee have considered the Letters from the Westminster District Board, referred on the 22nd June and 20th July last, stating that they had arranged for completing, in two portions, the widening of Palmer-street (late Gardener's-lane) at a cost of £250, and asking this Board to contribute a moiety of such amount. Your Committee have ascertained from your Superintending Architect, that the cost of each portion of the Improvement is fair and reasonable, and as the Board have already contributed a moiety of the cost of widening the entrance to the thoroughfare in question, which was formerly called Gardener's-lane, your Committee recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the widenings now proposed, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £125, and that it be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
W. H. DALTON,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
WM. SHEPHERD,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
GEO. HILL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. White, and resolved—That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£250) of the widening of Palmer-street (late Gardener's-lane), by the Westminster District Board, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £125, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd instant (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

10. Mr. Munro brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ACCOUNTS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS.

Spring-gardens, 10th August, 1883.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Works and General Purposes Committee of the 6th instant, instructing the Sub-Committee to examine and submit to the Board the list of proposed payments in connection with the Board's Improvements, for which Cheques are required to be drawn before the Board adjourn for the Recess, the Sub-Committee beg to report that they have this day considered a list of payments, and, having examined the Vouchers and Certificates of the various principal Officers for the same, and found the Accounts correct, they beg to present a statement of the amounts, and to recommend that the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £35,489 16s. 4d., be paid, and that Cheques be drawn accordingly.

The Sub-Committee also beg to recommend that Cheques, as follows, be drawn in lieu of a Cheque cancelled in consequence of it having been in hand longer than Three months, viz.—

Street Improvements, 1877.

Re Offord (Camberwell)—		£	s.	d.
6426	Bank of England, for Chancery	90	0	0
6427	Turner, G.	250	0	0
		340	0	0

The Sub-Committee further recommend that the Cheque, No. 6353, drawn on the 6th instant, for £690, on the Street Improvements, 1877, Account, in favour of Mr. T. Tilbury and Mr. D. Witt, be cancelled, and that Cheques as follows be drawn in lieu thereof, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Tilbury, T., and Witt, D.	528	0	0
Fourth Western Equitable Benefit Building Society	162	0	0
	690	0	0

The Sub-Committee have further to report that additional Cheques are required to be drawn, and deposited with the London and Westminster Bank, to meet payments which will be required to be made to several of the Board's Contractors during the Recess, and they have received from your Accountant a Statement of the further Cheques which it will be necessary to draw for that purpose, which Statement they beg to submit herewith, and to recommend—

That Cheques, in accordance with the Statement referred to, amounting in the whole to £9,000, be drawn, and be deposited at the London and Westminster Bank, to be handed to the Contractors during the Recess upon Certificates from the Engineer to the effect that work has been executed to the amount of such Cheques, and that the Contractors are entitled to receive the same.

Your Accountant has reported to the Sub-Committee that Mr. C. Monksfield, the Collector of Weekly Rents, is seriously ill, and that it may be necessary to make other arrangements for the collection during the Recess. The Sub-Committee have accordingly authorised your Superintending Architect and your Accountant to make the best arrangements they can for that purpose.

All which the Sub-Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) DONALD MUNRO,
CHAS. HARRIS,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
W. H. DALTON.

The Statements of the Cheques to be drawn, and of those to be cancelled, referred to in the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That Cheques be drawn as follows—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Main Drainage and Main Sewers.		
Re Levy (Putney to Clapham)—(1969)—		
Levy H.—		
1010 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in premises in South-street, Wandsworth, part of Bell and Co's. Match Factory	223 – –	
Edwards, F.—		
1011 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	9 9 –	
Re Kindermann's Trustees (Putney to Clapham)—(1970)—		
Purchase-money for Fee-simple of premises in South-street, Wandsworth—		
1012 Winter & Co. ... ... £800 – –		
1013 Winter & Co. ... ... 1,500 – –		
	2,300 – –	
Fuller, E. F. B.		
1014 Surveyor's Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	26 5 –	
Winter and Co.—		
1015 Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	12 12 –	
Phillips J. and J.—		
1016 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	11 10 –	
		2,582 16 –
Metropolis Bridges, 1881.		
Re Mullens (Putney)—(1971)—		
Pope, M.—		
478 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10 1 –	
Re Pope (Putney)—(1972)—		
Pope, M.—		
479 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	82 5 3	
Re S. King (Putney)—(1973)—		
Hare and Co.—		
480 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	38 16 6	
Re Herbert (Putney)—(1974)—		
Purchase-money for Fee-simple of the "King's Arms" Inn, High-street, Fulham—		
481 Mott, A. ... ...£2,800 – –		
482 Herbert, R. ... ... 1,250 – –		
483 Herbert, Mrs. R. M., and Herbert, R. 1,250 – –		
	5,300 – –	
Farebrother, Ellis and Co.—		
484 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	42 – –	
Mott and Dent—		
485 Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	15 15 –	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
486 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	26 10 –	
Carried forward £5,515 7 9		2,582 16 –

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	5,515 7 9	2,582 16 –
Re Hazell (Battersea)—(1975)—			
Hazell, J.—			
	Purchase-money for Freehold interest in the "Swan," Public-house, part of the Wharf, and Nos. 5, 7, 9 and 11, Bridge-road—		
487	Compensation ... ... £12,000 – –		
488	Severance damage ... ... 2,500 – –		
489	Fixtures ... ... 515 – –		
		15,015 – –	
Re S. B. Jones (Putney)—(1976)—			
Hare and Co.—			
490	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	24 – –	
Re Woolley (Putney)—(1977)—			
Rhodes, C. H. R.—			
491	Purchase-money for Fee-simple of Boat-house and premises at Putney	200 – –	
Chancellor, A.—			
492	Surveyor's Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	7 7 –	
Rhodes, C. H. R.—			
493	Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	5 5 –	
Re Bradley (Putney)—(1978)—			
Bradley, Miss F.—			
494	Purchase-money for Yearly tenancy in part of the ornamental Garden-ground, in front of the Terrace	60 – –	
Bradley, M.—			
495	Surveyor's Fee	3 3 –	
Cooper, W.—			
496	Preliminary Costs	2 2 –	
			20,832 4 9
	Wapping and other Improvements.		
Re Corporation of London (Old-street)—(1979)—			
Nelson, Sir T. J.—			
4814	Costs of Petition for payment of £30,000 out of Court		26 17 4
	Street Improvements, 1877.		
Re Glossop (Piccadilly)—(1980)—			
Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—			
6417	Costs of Title and Conveyance	14 9 2	
Re Spencer (Piccadilly)—(1981)—			
Garrard, James and Wolfe—			
6418	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	33 15 6	
Re Codlin (Gray's-inn-road)—(1982)—			
Hopwood and Sons—			
6419	Costs of Title and Conveyance	29 5 8	
	Carried forward	£77 10 4	23,441 18 1

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	77 10 4	23,441 18 1
Re Killwick (Jamaica-road)—(1983)—		
Killwick, Mrs. E.—		
6420 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 81, 81A, and 81B, Jamaica-road ...	300 - -	
Baines, C., and Co.—		
6421 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	9 9 -	
Re O'Connell and others (Piccadilly)—(1984)—		
Veal, R. H.—		
6422 Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in No. 9, Great White Lion-street, and Leasehold of No. 61, Dudley-street	75 - -	
Young, A.—		
6423 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	5 5 -	
Re C. J. Smith (Piccadilly)—(1985)—		
Croft, W. B.—		
6424 Taxed Costs of inquiry before Jury ...	179 12 10	
Re Day (Piccadilly)—(1986)—		
Funge, J.—		
6425 Assistance on Trade claim	5 5 -	
		652 2 2
Tooley-street Extension, 1882.		
Re Yearron—(1987)—		
Letts Brothers—		
25 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	11 13 10	
Re Hall—(1988)—		
Hall, H.—		
26 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 188, Tooley-street	750 - -	
Downie, A. F. M.—(1989)—		
27 Taxed Costs of Arbitration	100 - 1	
		861 13 11
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Phillips, J. and J.—(1990 and 1991)—		
Stamp-duty on Leases and Counterparts—		
925 Re the "Artichoke" Public-house, Camberwell ...	29 15 -	
926 „ the "Red Bull" Public-house, Gray's-inn-road	13 5 -	
		43 - -
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Fossey (Goulston-street)—(1992)—		
Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 15A, George-street—		
4912 Crocker, W., and Eastley, J. ... £200 - -		
4913 Fossey, J. ... ... 200 - -		
	400 - -	
Baines, C., and Co.—		
4914 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	11 11 -	
Carried forward	£411 11 -	24,998 14 2

			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward		411 11 –	24,998 14 2
Re Parfitt (Bedfordbury)—(1993 and 1994)—				
English, A. H.—				
4915	Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	2 2 –		
	Proportion of Fee-farm-rent of the "Horse and Groom" Public-house, Bedfordbury, from Lady-day to 1st August, 1883 (less Tax)	1 7 5		
			3 9 5	
Re Bushell and others (Great Wild-street)—(1995)—				
Roberts and Barlow—				
4916	Taxed costs of investment in land		106 1 8	
Re Granger (Goulston-street)—(1996)—				
Palmer, P., and Gregory, H.—				
4917	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 94 and 95, Middlesex-street		2,349 – –	
Phillips J. and J.—				
4918	Stamp-duty on Conveyance		11 15 –	
Re Bridge-house Trustees (Southwark)—(1997)—				
Nelson, Sir T. J.—				
4919	Costs of investment in Consols		23 3 1	
Re Glynes, and others (Goulston-street)—(1998)				
	Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 139, High-street, Whitechapel—			
4920	Ellis, S., and Bird, J. P. ...	500 – –		
4921	Tighe, J. F., and Tighe, Mrs. E. ...	500 – –		
4922	Smith, F. S., and Lawrence, E. W.	500 – –		
4923	Glynes, W.	350 – –		
4924	Milner, Miss, E. E.	11 2 3		
4925	Glynes, R.	350 – –		
4926	Milner, Miss Z. B.	11 2 3		
4927	Glynes, W.	200 – –		
4928	Milner Miss M. M.	188 17 9		
4929	Milner, Miss A. L.	222 4 5		
4930	Glynes, W., Willis, A. K., Butler, the Very Rev. R., and Grindle, E. S.	166 13 4		
			3,000 – –	
Re Hudson (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1999)—				
Hudson, N. J.—				
4931	Compensation for monthly tenancy in No. 65A, Cotton-street		20 – –	
Re Thomas (Little Coram-street)—(2000)—				
	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 18, Little Coram-street, No. 54, Great Coram-street, and No. 11, Tavistock-place—			
4932	Thomas, R. G....	£437 6 8		
4933	Treherne, G. G. T.	218 13 4		
			656 – –	
	Carried forward ...		...£6,581 – 2	24,998 14 2

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	6,581 – 2	24,998 14 2
Re J. C. C. Smith (Goulston-street)—(2001)—			
Carpenter, G. E.—			
4934	Costs of Title and Conveyance	50 – –	
Re Gilbert's Trustees (Goulston-street)—(2002 & 2003)—			
Purchase-money for moiety of Freehold interest in Nos. 8 to 10, and No. 185, Inkhorn-court—			
4935	Gilbert, Miss E. A. ... ... £225 – –		
4936	Bank of England, for Chancery ... 225 – –		
		450 – –	
	One-quarter's rent in respect of Nos. 8 to 10, Inkhorn-court, from Lady-day to Midsummer, 1883 (less Tax)—		
4937	Mackreth, Bramall and White ... 4 17 11		
4938	Loughborough and Co. 4 17 11		
		9 15 10	
Re Driscoll (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2004)—			
Driscoll, Mrs. E.—			
4939	Compensation for weekly tenancy in No. 69, Cotton-street	30 – –	
Re Crossingham (Goulston-street)—(2005)—			
Crossingham, W.—			
4940	Purchase-money for yearly tenancy in Nos. 19 and 20, Flower and Dean-street, and No. 11, Lower Keate-street	195 – –	
Re Freeman (Goulston-street)—(2006)—			
Freeman—			
4941	Compensation for yearly tenancy in No. 12, Lower Keate-street	85 – –	
Re Satchell (Goulston-street)—(2007)—			
Satchell, J.—			
4942	Compensation for yearly tenancy in Nos. 1 to 3, George-street	130 – –	
Re J. M. Davis (Goulston-street)—(2008)—			
Davis, Mrs. J. M.—			
	Compensation for tenancies as under—		
4943	Nos. 15 and 16, Flower and Dean-street ... ... £60 – –		
4944	,, 1 to 17, Wilson's-place ... 75 – –		
4945	,, 16 to 18, Upper Keate-street 15 – –		
4946	,, 3 to 5 and 7, Lower Keate-street, and 1 to 7, Keate-street 185 – –		
4947	No. 10, Lower Keate-street ... 205 – –		
4948	,, 2, George-street ... ... 160 – –		
		700 – –	
Re The Boys' Refuge (Goulston-street)—(2009 and 2010)—			
Hanbury, C. H., per Barnett, Hoare and Co.—			
4949	Compensation in respect of the Boys' Refuge, Wentworth-street	1,500 – –	
	Carried forward	£9,730 16 –	24,998 14 2

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	9,730 16 –	24,998 14 2
Phillips, J. and J.—		
4950 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	10 – –	
Smith, T. R.—		
4951 Surveyor's Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	24 3 –	
Hanbury, Hutton, and Whitting—		
4952 Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	5 5 –	
Re Turner and Knight (Goulston-street)—(2011)—		
Bank of England, for Chancery—		
4953 Purchase-money for moiety of Freehold interest in Nos. 8 to 10 and No. 185, Inkhorn-court	450 – –	
		10,220 4 –
General Working Account.		
Wadeson, C. A.—(2012)—		
2783 Mounting Plans, &c., July, 1883		6 15 6
Street Improvements, 1877.		
Re Rogers' Trustees (Piccadilly)—(2013)—		
Abbott, Jenkins and Co.—		
6428 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.		32 15 2
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Flight (Little Coram-street)—(2014)—		
Lewis and Sons—		
4954 Costs of Arbitration	26 7 6	
Re Cumming (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2015)—		
Cumming, J.—		
4955 Compensation for yearly tenancy in Nos. 2 and 7, Sydney-street	205 – –	
		231 7 6
		£35,489 16 4

And Cheques were drawn accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, seconded, and **resolved**—That the following Cheques be now drawn in lieu of a Cheque cancelled in consequence of having been in hand longer than Three months—

Street Improvements, 1877.

Re Offord (Camberwell)—

6426	Bank of England, for Chancery	£90 – –
6427	Turner, G.	250 – –
		£340 – –

And Cheques were drawn accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Cheque No. 6353, for £690, drawn on the Street Improvements, 1877, Account on the 6th instant, in favour of Mr. T. Tilbury and Mr. D. Witt, be cancelled, and that Cheques as follows be drawn in lieu thereof—

Re Scholl's Executors (Kentish-town-road)—(1867)—

6429	Tilbury, T., and Witt	£528 – –	
6430	Fourth-Western Equitable Benefit and Building Society	162 – –	
			£690 – –

And Cheques were drawn accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the following Cheques be drawn, and be deposited at the London and Westminster Bank, to be handed to the Contractors during the Recess, upon Certificates from the Engineer, to the effect that work has been executed to the amount of such Cheques, and that the Contractors are entitled to receive the same, viz.—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Metropolis Bridges.		
Waddell, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—		
475 Further on account of Contract for construction of Bridge at Putney (No. 597)	5,000 – –	
Webster, W.—		
476 Further on account of Contract for works for protecting piers of Waterloo Bridge (No. 587)	3,000 – –	
Cooke, B. and Co.—		
477 Further on account of Contract for altering and repairing Wandsworth Bridge (No. 543) ...	500 – –	
		8,500 – –
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Colepeper, F. H.—		
Further on account of Contract for paving and other works at Cartwright-street, Whitechapel (No. 639)		500 – –
		£9,000 – –

And Cheques were drawn accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Sub-Committee, with respect to the collection of the weekly rents during the illness of Mr. Monksfield, be approved.

11. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 7th August, 1883.

Your Committee regret to have to report, that at a fire, early on the morning of the 25th ultimo, at Messrs. Mumford and Co.'s Flour Mills, in Greenwich-road, Richard J. Long, a Fourth-class Fireman, while engaged on the roof of the building, slipped and fell to the ground, a distance of about 50 feet. He was at once taken to the Seaman's Hospital at Greenwich, and died in the afternoon of the same day. He was buried on Monday, the 30th ultimo, at Highgate Cemetery, and the Chief Officer has reported that the funeral expenses amounted to £7 7s. The amount allowed, under the Board's Standing Order, for funeral expenses is £5, but your Committee recommend—

That in this instance the increased amount be paid.

The Chief Officer has also reported that the Grave in Highgate Cemetery, in which Long was buried, has been bought, in the Chief Officer's name, for £4 7s. 6d. It is desirable that there should be a Grave in which the bodies of Firemen who may lose their lives in the discharge of their duty may be buried, and as the Grave now purchased is sufficiently large to hold seven bodies, your Committee recommend—

That the amount for which it has been bought be paid by the Board, and that the Grave be reserved for Firemen who in future may be killed at fires, or whose death may result from injuries received in the discharge of their duty.

The Chief Officer has also reported that he has paid the sum of £10 to the father and sister of Richard Long, to cover their expenses in coming over from Ireland to see him. They arrived too late to see him alive, but this was not to be foreseen when the message was despatched by Telegraph asking them to come over. Your Committee recommend—

That the amount be paid to the Chief Officer.

Your Committee regret to have to report three cases of misconduct. Alexander G. Bohmer, a Third-class Fireman, was drunk and used abusive and disgusting language to another Fireman, his Senior; he also broke two panes of glass with his fist and struck the glass into the other Fireman's face, cutting his forehead. Bohmer was brought before a Magistrate for the assault and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. William F. Rutter, a Fourth-class Fireman, entered his Station in a clandestine manner while he was under suspension for another offence. Albert A. Couch, a Fourth-class Fireman, has been reported for insolence to his Officer. Your Committee recommend—

That these three men be dismissed.

The Chief Officer has reported that Alfred W. Gray, a Fourth-class Fireman, is suffering from an enlarged gland in the groin, which has kept him on the sick list for 116 days. It is not certain when Gray will be again fit for duty, and as he has exhausted all the time which can reasonably be allowed to him, your Committee recommend—

That he be discharged.

Your Committee have to report that First-class Fireman Robert Bowers has withdrawn from the service, and that his name has accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Your Committee have to recommend—

That the following promotions be made, viz.—Second-class Fireman Edwin Scrase to the First Class, Third-class Fireman George Wood to the Second Class, and Fourth-class Fireman Arthur W. Driver to the Third Class.

They have further to recommend—

That Richards Edmunds, Charles J. Harrison, William J. Thorpe, and Mark Taylor be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen to fill vacancies.

Your Committee have further to report, for the information of the Board, that they have obtained Tenders for the supply of the Clothing for the Brigade during the next Two years, and have accepted the Tender of Messrs. J. Compton and Sons, the present Contractors. The prices of the various articles will be as follows—

Articles of Clothing.	Price per Article. £ s. d.
Tunics, No. 1 (for Chief and Second Officers)...	3 0 0
Tunics, No. 2 (for Superintendents)	2 4 0
Tunics, No. 3 (for Engineers, Firemen and Coachmen)	1 4 6
Tunics, No. 4 (for Watermen)	1 5 0
Undress Jackets, No. 1 (for Chief and Second Officers and Superintendents)	2 0 0
Undress Jackets, No. 2 (for Engineers)	1 5 0
Overcoats, No. 1 (for Chief and Second Officers and Superintendents)	2 10 0
Overcoats, No. 2 (for Engineers)	1 6 9
Overcoats, No. 3 (for Firemen, Watermen and Coachmen)	1 2 6
Cloth Trousers, No. 1 (for Chief and Second Officers)...	1 1 0
Cloth Trowsers, No. 2 (for Superintendent)	0 19 0
Cloth Trousers, No. 3 (for all ranks below Superintendents)	0 14 9
Duck Jackets	0 4 6
Duck Trousers	0 3 5
Serge Jackets (for Steam and Workshop Men, and Watermen)	0 9 6
Vests for Watermen	0 7 2
Embroidered Badges, No. 1 (for Engineers and Firemen)	0 0 4
Embroidered Badges, No. 2 (for Coachmen)	0 1 3
Neckerchiefs	0 4 0
Hats (for Superintendents and Engineers)	0 10 0
Caps, No. 1 (for Superintendents and Engineers)	0 4 6
Caps, No. 2 (for Firemen and Coachmen)	0 2 2
Caps, No. 3 (for Watermen)...	0 7 6
Button Brushes	0 0 9
Button Sticks	0 0 2
Kersey Blanketing (per yard)	0 7 3

For the Boots your Committee have accepted the Tender of Messrs. W. Nichols and Son, of Raunds, near Thrapstone. The price of the Boots for the Firemen is to be 18s. 3d. per pair; the price of those for the Chief and Second Officers and Superintendents, which are of different make and quality, being somewhat higher.

Your Committee have further to report that they have accepted the Tender of Mr. W. Oldrey to carry out certain works of repair, &c., at the Battersea Station, for the sum of £165.

Your Committee have also to report that the new Station in Faraday-road, North Kensington, was occupied by the Brigade and opened for duty on the 2nd instant.

Your Committee have further to report that a boy, named Stevens, was arrested by the Police on the 5th instant, for wilfully breaking the glass of a fire-alarm at the corner of York-road and Waterloo-road, and giving a false alarm of fire. He was brought before a Magistrate, and fined £5, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment, with hard labour. The fine was paid.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. R. SELWAY,
GEORGE EDWARDS,
GEO. HILL,
ROBT. JONES.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the funeral expenses of Richard J. Long, who lost his life at the fire in Greenwich-road, Deptford, on the 25th ultimo, amounting to £7 7s., be paid.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the sum of £4 7s. 6d. be re-paid to the Chief Officer for the purchase of the Grave in Highgate Cemetery, in which Long is buried, and that the Grave, be reserved for Firemen who in future may be killed at fires, or who may die from injuries received in the discharge of their duty.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the sum of £10 be re-paid to the Chief Officer to cover the expenses incurred by Long's father and sister in coming from Ireland to see him.

A Cheque for £21 14s. 6d. was then drawn on the Fire Brigade Working Account, in favour of Captain Shaw.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Third-class Fireman Alexander G. Bohmer and Fourth-class Firemen William F. Rutter and Albert A. Couch be dismissed for misconduct.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Fourth-class Fireman Alfred W. Gray be discharged on account of physical infirmity.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the following promotions be made, viz.—Second-class Fireman Edwin Scrase to the First Class, Third-class Fireman George Wood to the Second Class, and Fourth-class Fireman Arthur W. Driver to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Richard Edmunds, Charles J. Harrison, William J. Thorpe, and Mark Taylor be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

12. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 7th August, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have have had under consideration the Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, asking for explanations with reference to certain of the Board's requirements in respect of the Elephant and Castle Theatre,

referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 64), with authority to send a reply thereto. The requisitions of the Board's Notice are eleven in number, as entered in their Minutes of the 29th June last (No. 10). Those with reference to which some explanation is now sought by the Architect to the Owner are the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth. The Second requisition provides for the closing of the door-way between the pit exit and the adjoining Railway viaduct by iron doors. For these it is desired to substitute a revolving iron shutter, on account of the great height of the door-way, through which scenery is carried, and your Committee see no objection to that proposal. The Third requisition deals with the separation of the pit saloon from the Railway platform, and your Committee are of opinion that the cement concrete ceiling proposed for that purpose may be approved, provided the wall between the saloon and the Railway be carried up to the underside of the arches of the viaduct. The Fourth requirement provides for the improvement of the stage entrance, and the way in which Mr. Matcham intends to effect that appears to be satisfactory. With regard to the Fifth Requisition your Committee have approved of slab slate one inch and a half thick, as a proper material for enclosing the upper part of the existing gallery staircase. The Board's Notice was served upon the Owner on the 25th ultimo, and the time allowed by the Act for lodging an Appeal against the same is fourteen days. Under these circumstances your Committee considered it desirable, as a matter of emergency, to send a reply to Mr. Matcham without delay, and they, therefore, in accordance with the Resolution of the Board, instructed the Clerk to inform him that, upon the completion of the works in accordance with their suggestions, they would be prepared to recommend the Board to accept such works as a compliance with the terms of the Board's Notice. Your Committee have now to recommend—

That the course they have taken in the matter be approved.

The attention of your Committee was recently called to the fact that the external door of the Prince's entrance to the Gaiety Theatre did not open outwards. A communication was accordingly addressed by your Superintending Architect to the Lessee of the Theatre, and the necessary alteration has been effected by the Owners. By the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Act, 1882, however, the Managers of Theatres are made responsible for keeping the doors open, and your Committee considered it desirable that a survey of the Theatre should be made for the purpose of determining what general Regulations should be framed with respect to the exits of the building. Having received the Report of your Superintending Architect on the subject, your Committee have now to recommend—

That a Notice under the 45th Section of the Board's Various Powers Act, 1882, containing the following requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor, and be sealed, in duplicate, and be served upon the person by whom the Gaiety Theatre is kept open for public entertainment.

1.—That the present fastenings be removed from the exit doors, that each door be fastened by a single vertical bolt only, fixed on the side nearest to the auditorium, and that such bolt be shot by a handle placed at a height of three feet from the floor.

2.—That an inscription be painted in legible characters, with luminous paint, upon each of the exit doors, on the side nearest to the auditorium, stating that the door may be opened in case of an emergency, and indicating the street to which it leads.

3.—That Notices be painted, with luminous paint, in the several corridors and vestibules, with index hands, showing the direction of the various exits.

And your Committee further recommend—

That the Superintending Architect be instructed to report, from time to time, whether the requirements are duly complied with.

Your Committee have also to report that they have further considered the question of the steps it is desirable to take with respect to the Marylebone Theatre, in Church-street, Lisson-grove. The Board, on the 15th June last (No. 7), directed that a draft Notice, embodying seventeen requirements as to structural alterations, should be transmitted to the Owners of the Theatre, and authorised your Committee to confer

with the Owners, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, on the subject. The Owners, accompanied by their Architect, accordingly attended the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee on the 17th ultimo, and, having verbally intimated their objections to some of the proposed alterations, asked for an adjournment of the case, in order that they might submit a written statement of the particulars in which they desired the Board's requirements to be modified. This request was complied with, and the matter was adjourned for a fortnight, but the statement has not yet been received. It appears to your Committee, very undesirable that any further delay should occur in dealing with the structural defects of the Theatre, and they are therefore of opinion that the original draft Notice, containing the following requisitions, should now be sealed, and be served upon the Owners—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall be built to divide the stage from the auditorium; that such wall be of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, and be carried up to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a wall, not less than 14 inches thick, be built under the stage, in a line with the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the pit; that the existing wing-walls on each side of the proscenium opening be permitted to be utilised, so far as they are serviceable, in the construction of the proscenium wall; that not more than three openings (exclusive of the proscenium opening), each not more than 3 feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall; that all such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves; and that no opening be formed in the proscenium wall above the level of the stage.

2.—That a brick wall, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the painting-room and property-store at the rear, such wall to be carried down to the level of the foundations of the external walls of the Theatre, and to be carried up to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof.

3.—That the present wood floor and ceiling of the entrance vestibule leading out of Church-street be removed, and a new floor and ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

4.—That the whole of the dressing-rooms, lumber-rooms, and store-rooms under the stage and auditorium, be removed.

5.—That the present gallery staircase be pulled down, and a new staircase constructed in its place; that such staircase do have steps of solid York stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported at both ends upon brick walls 9 inches thick, with landings of similar material, 4 feet 6 inches wide and 6 inches thick, supported on three sides upon brick walls 9 inches thick; that the door-ways at the foot and at the top of the gallery staircase be increased in width to 4 feet 6 inches, and that the doors be hung in two folds, to open outwards.

6.—That an additional staircase, of similar construction to that last described, be provided, from the gallery, on the opposite side of the house.

7.—That two wooden staircases, each not less than 3 feet wide, be provided on the stage for access to the flies.

8.—That the present balusters and handrail to the principal staircase be removed, and that a balustrade of brick or stone, at least 3 feet 6 inches high, be provided to the staircase and landings.

9.—That the pit pay-box in the entrance vestibule be removed, and the entrance to the pit from Church-street made not less than 5 feet 6 inches wide throughout, and enclosed with a brick wall 9 inches thick; and that the door-ways be re-arranged.

10.—That the door-way in the North external wall of the Theatre, leading to the stalls, be increased in width to 4 feet 6 inches, and that a new exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed on the South side of the stalls, leading into Little Church-street.

11.—That the two door-ways into the pit, on the North side, be bricked up; that a new door, in two widths, and not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the North external wall, at the end of the pit entrance passage, opening into the pit; that the wall forming the side of the door-way be splayed to admit of the doors opening back without projecting into the passage; and that the steps in the passage to the pit be removed, and the floor formed on an incline.

12.—That a gangway, at least 3 feet wide, having a floor of fire-resisting materials, be formed on the North and South sides of the first circle.

13.—That a gangway, 4 feet wide, be formed on the North side of the pit, and a gangway, 3 feet wide, on the South side.

14.—That the door on the North side of the first circle be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the passage on the North side of the house, and that the wall on the North side of the passage to the first circle be cut away, as shown on the Plan, to increase the width of such passage.

15.—That the last two rows of seats in the gallery be removed, and the flooring made good, and at one level throughout; that a gangway, at least 3 feet wide, be formed at the sides of the gallery and slips, and that a gangway, with steps of an easy rise, be formed in the centre of the gallery, with a stout handrail next the gallery front.

16.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

17.—That all doors throughout the building be made to open outwards.

In order to give effect to these views, your Committee recommend—

That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owners of the Theatre; and that, in the event of the Owners appealing against the requirements of the Board, the Clerk be authorised to apply to the First Commissioner of Works, &c., to appoint an Arbitrator to hear and determine the Appeal.

Your Committee have further to report that they have carefully considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Pavilion Theatre, and the improvements which is is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The building is situated at the rear of houses on the North side of the Whitechapel-road, and is approached from that thoroughfare by a corridor of an average width of 10 feet 6 inches, and 172 feet long. The Theatre is about 64 feet wide, and its inside length, excluding the refreshment saloon, is about 114 feet, of which length 72 feet are occupied by the auditorium. The proscenium opening is 40 feet wide and 42 feet high. On the 17th November last (No. 13), the Board approved of the Drawing for a new proscenium wall, on condition that no part of such wall were made less than 14 inches in thickness. The wall has been satisfactorily completed, and it is consequently unnecessary to insert in the Board's Notice any requisition respecting the separation of the stage from the auditorium. The total number of persons that can be accommodated in the Theatre is stated by the Lessee to be 2,650. In dealing with this question, your Committee have had before them, in the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade upon the Theatre, referred by the Board on the 4th August, 1882 (No. 15), and also the observations of Mr. M. Abrahams upon that Report,

referred by the Board on the 13th October last (No. 37). Your Superintending Architect also has prepared a statement of the improvements which he considers desirable, accompanied by drawings of the building. The Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee have inspected the premises, and your Committee, having considered their Report on the subject, have arrived at the conclusion that the following alterations of a structural character are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the balcony and pit entrance corridor be widened by the removal of the piers and columns, and that the Eastern door-way in Whitechapel-road be widened to 6 feet.

2.—That the ornamental columns, gates, and steps to Whitechapel-road entrance be removed, and the steps re-arranged.

3.—That a fire-resisting floor, to be approved by the Board, be formed over all parts of the exits leading into Whitechapel-road, and over the pit and gallery exits leading into Baker's-row.

4.—That the door-way on the ground-floor level, between the Theatre premises and the corridor leading to the house, No. 84, Whitechapel-road, be stopped up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such door-way is situated; and that the opening between the urinals on the ground-floor, and the factory adjoining be bricked up in a similar manner.

5.—That the pay-box in the entrance corridor from Whitechapel-road be removed.

6.—That the barriers in the entrance corridor from Whitechapel-road be removed, and new hinged barriers, to fold back against the walls, substituted.

7.—That the counter, steps, and chimney-breast, together with the enclosures at the North end of the pit refreshment-bar, be removed; that the centre door-way of the bar be stopped up with brick work; that the Northernmost pier, and the wall separating the pit lobby and the pit from the balcony entrance lobby and staircase, be removed; and that the present pit refreshment-bar be converted into an exit from the pit.

8.—That the wall between the pit refreshment-bar and the pit lobby be removed; that the width of the lobby be increased by removing the partition between the lobby and the ladies' room and store-room adjoining, and enclosing such lobby on the East side with a brick wall 9 inches thick; and that the entrance door-way to the pit be increased in width to 8 feet.

9.—That the flap seats on the West side of the pit be removed, and a clear gangway, 3 feet wide, formed on the East and West sides of the pit; and that a gangway of similar width be formed in the centre of the pit.

10.—That gangways, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed on both sides of the pit stalls; that a gangway 3 feet wide be formed in the centre of the pit stalls; and that a door-way, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the partition between the pit and the pit stalls.

11.—That the passage-way at the rear of the private boxes, on the ground floor and first floor, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

12.—That the pass door and gangway between the stalls and pit, on the East side, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

13.—That the pit exit door-way on the East side of the house be increased in width to 6 feet; that the iron column in the pit and gallery lobby next Baker's row be removed; and that a brick wall 9 inches thick be built in such lobby, to separate the pit audience from the gallery audience.

14.—That the present balcony staircase on the West side of the house be removed, and a new staircase constructed in its stead; that such new staircase be continued up to the level of the gallery, for the use of the gallery audience in case of emergency; and that the steps of such staircase be constructed of

solid York or other approved stone, with steps and landings 5 feet wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

15.—That the present gallery staircase at the East side of the house be removed, and re-constructed of a width of 5 feet, in a similar manner to the staircase last described.

16.—That the Theatre proper be separated from adjoining premises, and from such portions of the Theatre premises as are used as dwelling-rooms, store-rooms, dressing-rooms, workshops, wardrobes, or for other purposes, vertically by brick walls, and horizontally by proper party structures; and that any openings in such walls be closed by wrought-iron doors, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves.

17.—That the opening between the beer cellar in the basement and the space under the pit, be stopped up with brickwork 9 inches thick.

18.—That all single steps in the auditorium be abolished, and inclined planes substituted, and that the floor of the new exit passage from the auditorium leading into Whitechapel-road be laid to a fall without steps.

19.—That the door-ways between the stage and the stage entrance in Baker's-row be re-arranged, and be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

20.—That two teak staircases, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, be provided to the dressing-rooms at the rear of the stage, and to the upper floors of the house in Baker's-row, on the East side of the Theatre, respectively.

21.—That the floors of the dressing-rooms over the carpenter's shop and scene dock and the house in Baker's-row be formed of fire-resisting materials.

22.—That all the windows of the Theatre, overlooking adjoining premises, be fitted with wrought-iron hoppers.

23.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of easy rise, be formed on each side of the gallery, and a clear space 3 feet 6 inches wide formed around the back of the seats.

24.—That such portions of the wooden ventilators as rise above the roof of the Theatre be re-constructed of iron, or of other fire-resisting materials.

25.—That the dressing-rooms be re-arranged, and be lighted and ventilated from the external air, and that the passage-ways to the dressing-rooms be increased in width to 3 feet.

26.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout iron wire guards.

27.—That a hinged step-ladder of teak be provided at the back of the stage, so as to render the existing door-way available as a means of exit into Caroline-place.

28.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, landings, and flights of steps, where not already provided.

29.—That all exit doors be made at least 4 feet 6 inches wide, and be re-hung in two folds, and that all doors throughout the building be made to open outwards.

Your Committee recommend—

That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, stating that the new Grand Theatre, built on the site of the late Philharmonic Theatre,

at Islington, was completed, and requesting the Board to grant their Certificate in respect thereof, referred by the Board on the 6th ultimo (No. 57). The Drawings of the Theatre were approved by the Board on the 28th July, 1882 (No. 10), subject to the fixing of wrought-iron doors in the proscenium wall, and it was decided to issue the Certificate upon the completion of the building, in other respects, in accordance with the Drawings and Specification. From the Report of your Superintending Architect, presented to the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee on the 17th ultimo, it appeared that the works had not then been completed to his satisfaction, and a communication was sent to Mr. Matcham, calling his attention to the omissions. The works were accordingly proceeded with, and on the 27th ultimo (No. 63) a further Letter from Mr. Matcham was presented to the Board, stating that the alterations would be completed early in the following week, and asking the Board, inasmuch as the Theatre was advertised to be opened on the 4th August, to grant him their Certificate at that meeting. The Chairman of your Committee informed the Board that it appeared that the works were completed, substantially in accordance with the Board's Regulations, but that certain minor works remained to be executed. The Board thereupon granted their Certificate, and authorised their Superintending Architect to issue the same to the applicant upon the whole of the alterations required by the Board being completed to his satisfaction. Your Committee have now had before them a Report by your Superintending Architect, stating that he made a further survey of the Theatre on the 3rd instant, and found that the works had been completed. He, therefore, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board, delivered the Certificate to Mr. Matcham on the same day. The Theatre was opened to the public on Saturday last. Under these circumstances, your Committee recommend—

That the reference to your Committee of Mr. Matcham's Letter be discharged.

Your Committee have also to report that they have had under consideration, in pursuance of the Board's Resolution of the 27th ultimo (No. 55), the Letter from Mr. W. J. Alt, stating, with regard to the requirements of the Board respecting the Canterbury Theatre of Varieties, that the London and South-Western Railway Company had given him notice of their intention to enter upon possession of the premises for the purpose of widening their line, and asking for a postponement of the Arbitration between himself and the Board for a period of Six months. The Board, on the 11th May last (No. 9), directed that a sealed Notice of their requirements for structural alterations at this building should be served upon the Owner; and, in consequence of his appeal against such requirements, the Board, on the 29th June last (No. 50), instructed their Clerk to apply to the First Commissioner of Works, &c., to appoint an Arbitrator to determine the matter, under the provisions of the Act. Sir H. A. Hunt was accordingly appointed, and he has fixed the 9th instant as the date for proceeding with the Arbitration. As this stage of the case has been reached, your Committee recommend—

That Mr. Alt be informed that the Board do not consider it expedient to intervene in the matter, inasmuch as the date for proceeding with the Arbitration has been fixed.

Your Committee have to report that the application of Messrs. Wilson, Bristows and Carpmael, on behalf of the Piccadilly Art Galleries Company (Limited), for a Certificate, under the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with respect to the Art Galleries erected upon the sites of Nos. 190 to 196, Piccadilly, referred by the Board on the 21st March last (No. 38), has been withdrawn and your Committee therefore recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee beg to submit herewith two Reports which they have received from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates' Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the works

ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

Vine-cottage, No. 97, High-street, Homerton.

Party-fence, No. 78, Bankside, St. Saviour's, Southwark.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Report by your Superintending Architect, dated 13th July, 1883, relative to the fall on the 11th ultimo, of the "Horse and Groom" Public-house, No. 124, Westminster-bridge-road, referred by the Board on the 13th ultimo (No. 82). It appears from the Report of Mr. Hewitt, the District Surveyor, that the accident was caused by the builder cutting away some pilasters against the North-West flank-wall of the premises, and the support of the wall above, which had been cut away at various times until what was originally a 14-inch wall was ultimately reduced to only 4½ inches in thickness. Under these circumstances, on the removal of the supports, the building collapsed. The District Surveyor obtained a Summons, under the 41st Section of the Building Act, against the builder after the accident had occurred, for not having given notice in accordance with the 38th Section of the Act, and, at the hearing before the Magistrate, the Defendant admitted the facts, and stated that his Clerk had neglected to give the proper notice to the District Surveyor. The Magistrate dismissed the Summons, allowing the District Surveyor 2s. costs, and stated that he did not think it was a case for a penalty. Your Committee report these facts for the information of the Board.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. J. W. Parrett, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops and covered ways on portions of the forecourts of Ravensbourne-villas, High-road, Catford, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 13th ultimo (No. 58). Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Solicitor, from which it appears that the builder, in ignorance, brought the buildings 9 inches beyond the line of frontage sanctioned by the Board. The District Board have power to deal with the matter, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted, and that the Lewisham District Board be informed that they have power to take action in the matter under the Act 25 and 26 Vict., cap. 102.

In accordance with the reference by the Board of the 27th ultimo (No. 76), your Committee have considered the application of Mr. R. A. Dash, on behalf of Mr. J. Lowther, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of three houses, with bay-windows, on the South side of the New Kent-road, at the corner of Paragon-mews, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposed houses are to be brought out to a line 2 feet in advance of the adjoining houses, Nos. 220 to 232, New Kent-road. A bay-window, two storeys in height and 6 feet in width, is to be added to the front of each house. Your Committee are of opinion that the proposed erections may be sanctioned by the Board, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. T. C. Clarke, on behalf of Messrs. Holland and Holland, with reference to the cubical contents of No. 479, Oxford-street, as shown on the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 117). The Building Act requires that a structure of this character shall be divided by party walls, so that each division shall not contain more than 216,000 cubic feet. The applicant asks the Board's approval of the divisions being made horizontally between the basement and ground floors, and the first and second floors respectively, with fireproof floors, the means of communication internally being by double wrought-iron doors. The premises are to be used as a carriage depôt, for which a large floor space is necessarily required. Your Superintending Architect suggests that the division as proposed to be made by

the applicant will sufficiently meet the requirements of the Act, and your Committee, concurring in that view, recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the works be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. W. N. Dunn, on behalf of Messrs. Thomas and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of new roads to lead out of Merton-road, Wandsworth, and for the widening of portions of Merton-road, in connection therewith, referred by the Board on the 13th ultimo (No. 72). Merton-road is to be widened 20 feet from the centre of the road, as far as it adjoins the applicant's land. A building at present projects upon the site of one of the roads, but the applicant states that it is in the possession of the Freeholders, and will be removed when the road is formed. The Wandsworth District Board do not object to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and also on condition that the applicants do enter into an undertaking to be prepared by the Solicitor, providing for the removal of all existing buildings on the site of the new road, to be named "Ingomar-road," previously to the formation of that road; and that the names "Palmerston-road, S.W.," in continuation, "Ingomar-road, S.W.," "Brathway-road, S.W.," and "Camborne-road, S.W.," be approved for the same.

Your Committee have also had under consideration the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. Roy, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an open portico on a portion of the forecourt of No. 7, Clifford-street, Bond-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 20th ultimo (No. 60). The portico will be 10 feet in width, and 19 feet high to the apex of the pediment. The columns, frieze, cornice, and pediment are to be of stone. Your Superintending Architect has informed your Committee that there are several porticoes of similar construction in Clifford-street, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered, enclosed, or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. W. Douglas, for the consent of the Board to the erection of buildings on the East side of Exhibition-road, South Kensington, at the corner of Thurloe-place, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 73). The site of the proposed new buildings is a plot of ground abutting at the rear on premises adjoining No. 21, Thurloe-place, and a portion of the frontage line is brought out to the boundary line in Exhibition-road, and forms a continuation of the building line approved by the Board on the 2nd February, 1877. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. A. Bean, on behalf of Messrs. Isaacs and Florence, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Normand-lane, Fulham, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 81). The Plan submitted with the application indicates that two roads which have been partly formed are not to be made in strict accordance with the Resolution of the Board, and your Committee are informed that the applicant is not at present in a position to effect the communication required by the Act. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Collier and Merrin, on behalf of Messrs. Weston and Westall, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a one-storey building abutting on a passage

leading out of the South side of Ridley-road, Dalston, in the position shown thereon, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 82). The proposed building is to be erected only 5 feet 9 inches from the centre of the passage-way, and the Hackney District Board object to the proposal. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. H. Jones, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the West side of Lansdowne-road, Hackney, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 83). The Plan now submitted differs but slightly from one which has been refused by the Board, and one of the proposed roads does not afford direct communication between existing roads. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of a building on the North side of Eltringham-street, leaving the road-way less than 40 feet wide, and as to houses in course of erection on the North and South sides of Eltringham-street, Wandsworth, without the approval of the Board, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 87). Your Superintending Architect has presented a Report to your Committee on the matter, from which it appears that the road complained of is of the necessary width of 40 feet, there being an error in the Plan referred to by the District Board. As regards the houses in course of erection in Eltringham-street, your Superintending Architect advises that no proceedings should be taken by the Board. Your Committee recommend—

That the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report be communicated to the District Board.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. W. Hobbs, for approval by the Board of a Plan for a further extension of Dovedale-road, Coventry-park Estate, Streatham, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 88). It is proposed to extend Dovedale-road, for a distance of about 160 feet nearer to Streatham-common, and it is stated that the applicant has power to extend the widening a further distance of about 260 feet. The Wandsworth District Board have no objection to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the name "Dovedale-road, S.W.," in continuation, be approved for the same.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration the application of Mr. A. Baker, on behalf of the Committee of St. Ann's Mission-house, for approval by the Board of the erection of a Mission-house and room, on the South side of Raydon-street, Highgate, without an open space at the rear thereof, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 94). The applicant states that the nature of the site and the accommodation required preclude strict compliance with the requirements of the Act, but that there will be abundance of open space provided for the lighting of the rooms. Your Committee are of opinion that, under the special circumstances of the case, the Board may properly sanction the application, and they recommend—

That it be granted.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the proposed erection of buildings at the rear of No. 5 Lebanon-terrace, abutting upon Lebanon-gardens, with an insufficient open space at the rear thereof, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 35). Your Committee are informed by your Superintending Architect that the house in question was roofed in before the 19th June, 1882, and that it consequently does not come within the operation of the Amendment Act of that year. The new buildings are not to be used for the purposes of

a dwelling-house, and the space at the rear will be sufficient under the Building Act of 1855. Your Committee recommend—

That the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report be communicated to the District Board.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. T. Clarke, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of Victoria-chambers, in Chancery-lane and Southampton-buildings, without the fireproof separations required by the Building Act, 1855, referred by the Board on the 27th ultimo (No. 97). The building is to be let out as Chambers and Offices. The area of the premises is double that allowed under the Building Act without proper fireproof divisions, and the applicant asks to be allowed to dispense with the iron doors required by the Act. Your Committee see no reason for acceding to the request, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Mr. E. R. Hewitt, District Surveyor, stating that a house on the West side of Frazier-street, Lambeth-marsh, at the corner of Carey-street, which had recently been condemned as a Dangerous Structure, and was being pulled down, would, if re-erected on the old foundations, appear to be in advance of the general line of buildings, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 107). The 74th Section of the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862, empowers the Board to deal with a case of this nature, but your Committee are of opinion that it would be necessary to acquire the whole of the site of the building in order to effect an improvement, and that the case is one for the consideration of the Vestry rather than for this Board. They recommend—

That a copy of Mr Hewitt's Letter be sent to the Vestry of Lambeth for their information.

In accordance with the reference by the Board on Friday last (No. 79), your Committee have considered the application of Mr. R. S. Browne, on behalf of Mr. J. Goettler, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on a portion of the forecourt of No. 14, Forest-hill-road, Camberwell. The applicant proposes to extend a line of frontage already approved by the Board, by the erection of a one-storey shop. Your Superintending Architect considers the Plan satisfactory, and your Committee, concurring in that view, recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Drivers and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Walford, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Nos. 79 and 81, Westminster-bridge-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 85). It is proposed to bring forward the buildings to the line of the adjoining houses, and to take from the public way the ground coloured Yellow on the Plan, which is at present part of the foot-path in Westminster-bridge-road. Your Committee consider the proposal objectionable, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. A. Steer, on behalf of Dr. Carver, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Lodge on the West side of St. Julian's-road, Streatham, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 86). The amended Plan shows the Lodge set back 10 feet from the public way, and 20 feet from the centre of St. Julian's-road. Your Superintending Architect and the Vestry of Lambeth agree in considering the proposal unobjectionable, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. C. J. Smithem, on behalf of Mr. Saker, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses on the East side of South Lambeth-road, at the corner of Fentiman-road, on a portion of the Beaufoy Estate, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 87). The amended Plan now submitted shows the space in front of the main buildings reserved as forecourts, instead of being covered with one-storey shops. Your Superintending Architect considers the proposal objectionable, as the buildings will be far in advance of the adjoining houses. The Vestry of Lambeth have under consideration a proposal to add to the public way the ground in front of the building line, and to compensate the Owner. Under these circumstances, your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Mr. J. S. Quilter, District Surveyor, stating, with reference to the Board's Resolution of 15th December last (No. 8), that a house was in course of erection at the corner of Valley-road and Leigham-court-road, Streatham, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 92). Your Superintending Architect has informed your Committee that the front of the house is not in advance of the general line of buildings, and that the Board cannot be advised to take any action in the matter. Your Committee recommend—

That the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report be communicated to Mr. Quilter, and to the Wandsworth District Board, for their information.

The Board, on Friday last (No. 94), referred to your Committee the application of Mr. C. Dowling, on behalf of Messrs. Child and Child, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 1, Seville-street, Lowndes-square, Chelsea, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposed shop will project 4 feet 2 inches in advance of the front of the house No. 1, Seville-street, and of the adjoining houses on each side. The Lessees and occupiers of those houses strongly object to the proposal; and your Committee, being of opinion that the Plan is unsatisfactory, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. R. Evans, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the South side of Pond-lane, Clapton, and for the widening of Pond-lane, in connection therewith, and of the names "Colenso-road, E.," and "Saratoga-road, E.," for the same, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 98). One of the proposed roads leads from Pond-lane into Almack-road, and the other leads out of Pond-lane at a point further Eastward, and forms a communication with the first-mentioned new road. The Hackney District Board consider the proposal objectionable, on account of the gradients and abrupt bend in one of the roads, and your Committee, concurring in that view, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Mrs. Brier, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a shed at her premises in Galley-wall-road, South Bermondsey, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, referred by the Board on the 2nd February last, (No. 63). The proposed shed will be two storeys in height and open on the ground floor. It will be 120 feet long by 30 feet wide; the roof will be supported on brick piers, the spaces between being left open on the ground floor, and on the upper floor filled by wooden louvres and doors. The Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee have visited the premises, and on Friday last they recommended the Board to offer no opposition to the application, so far as it related to the business of a Fat Melter and Extractor. Your Committee see no objection to the erection of the proposed shed, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, and that the building be constructed in accordance with the Board's Bye-laws for regulating the business of a Fat Melter and Extractor.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. F. Hammond, District Surveyor for North-West Islington, relative to the erection of a barrier across Poyning's-road, Junction-road, and the non-continuation of the road into Dartmouth-park-hill, Islington, as shown on the Plan approved by the Board on the 10th December, 1880 (No. 65), referred by the Board on the 9th March, last (No. 67). Your Solicitor, by direction of your Committee, served a Penal Notice on the builder, and now reports that the obstruction complained of has been removed. Your Committee report the fact for the information of the Board, and they recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Solicitor has reported to your Committee the result of proceedings taken by direction of the Board on the 15th June, last (No. 7), in respect of Cottages erected in Victoria-place and Chapel-road, Lower Norwood. Your Solicitor obtained a Summons under the 7th Section of the Amendment Act, but the Magistrate dismissed the case without costs, ruling, after hearing evidence on both sides, that the place was an existing road, passage, or way, before the passing of the Act, and that he could not convict the Defendant under that Section. Your Committee beg to report these facts for the information of the Board.

Your Committee have also to report that, acting under the general reference to them of the 11th August, 1882 (No. 14), they have considered a Letter from Mr. T. Roger Smith, District Surveyor, relative to the neglected condition of two unfinished carcases of houses at the lower end of West-hill, Wandsworth. The Board, on the 3rd November, 1882, instructed their Solicitor to issue a Summons for the removal of the structures, the beneficial Owner of which, at the time of the issuing of the Summons, was a lady under 21 years of age. The Owner has now attained her majority, and your Solicitor reports that she has sufficiently fenced in the ground upon which the structure stands, in accordance with the provisions of the Amendment Act of 1882. Your Committee report these facts for the information of the Board.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
W. R. SELWAY,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
DONALD MUNRO,
A. EWIN.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the course taken by them with reference to the Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, asking for explanations with reference to Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Board's requirements in respect of the Elephant and Castle Theatre, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Board, in the exercise of the authority conferred upon them by the 45th Section of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Act, 1882, do, with a view to the safety of the public, make the following Rules, with respect to the Gaiety Theatre—

1.—That the present fastenings be removed from the exit doors, that each door be fastened by a single vertical bolt only, fixed on the side nearest to the auditorium, and that such bolt be shot by a handle placed at a height of three feet from the floor.

2.—That an inscription be painted in legible characters, with luminous paint, upon each of the exit doors, on the side nearest to the auditorium, stating

that the door may be opened in the case of an emergency, and indicating the street to which it leads.

3.—That notices be painted, with luminous paint, in the several corridors and vestibules, with index hands, showing the direction of the various exits.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a Notice to the foregoing effect be prepared by the Solicitor; that it be sealed in duplicate, and be served upon the person by whom the Theatre is kept open for public entertainment, and that the Superintending Architect be instructed to survey the Theatre from time to time, and to report whether the Rules made by the Board hav ebeen observed.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Marylebone Theatre, in Church-street, Lisson-grove, be approved, and that, inasmuch as the Owners of the Theatre have not furnished a statement of the particulars in which they desire that the Board's requirements should be modified, a Notice, embodying the several requirements named in the Resolution of the Board of the 15th June last (No. 7) with respect to the Theatre, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owners of the Theatre, and that, in the event of the Owners of the Theatre appealing against the requirements of the Board, the Clerk be authorised to apply to the First Commissioner of Works, &c., to appoint an Arbitrator to hear and determine the Appeal.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Pavilion Theatre, in Whitechapel-road, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved; and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the balcony and pit entrance corridor be widened by the removal of the piers and columns, and that the Eastern door-way in Whitechapel-road be widened to 6 feet.

2.—That the ornamental columns, gates, and steps to Whitechapel-road entrance be removed, and the steps re-arranged.

3.—That a fire-resisting floor, to be approved by the Board, be formed over all parts of the exits leading into Whitechapel-road, and over the pit and gallery exits leading into Baker's-row.

4.—That the door-way on the ground-floor level between the Theatre premises and the corridor leading to the house, No. 84, Whitechapel-road, be stopped up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such door-way is situated; and that the opening between the urinals on the ground floor and the factory adjoining be bricked up in a similar manner.

5.—That the pay-box in the entrance corridor from Whitechapel-road be removed.

6.—That the barriers in the entrance corridor from Whitechapel-road be removed, and new hinged barriers, to fold back against the walls, substituted.

7.—That the counter, steps, and chimney-breast, together with the enclosures at the North end of the pit refreshment-bar, be removed; that the centre door-way of the bar be stopped up with brick work; that the Northernmost pier, and the wall separating the pit lobby and the pit from the balcony entrance lobby and staircase, be removed; and that the present pit refreshment-bar be converted into an exit from the pit.

8.—That the wall between the pit refreshment-bar and the pit-lobby be removed; that the width of the lobby be increased by removing the partition between the lobby and the ladies' room and store-room adjoining, and that such lobby be enclosed on the East side with a brick wall 9 inches thick; and that the entrance door-way to the pit be increased in width to 8 feet.

9.—That the flap seats on the West side of the pit be removed, and a clear gangway, 3 feet wide, formed on the East and West sides of the pit; and that a gangway of similar width be formed in the centre of the pit.

10.—That gangways, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed on both sides of the pit stalls; that a gangway 3 feet wide be formed in the centre of the pit stalls; and that a door-way 3 feet 6 inches wide be formed in the partition between the pit and the pit-stalls.

11.—That the passage-way in the rear of the private boxes, on the ground floor and first floor, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

12.—That the pass door and gangway between the stalls and pit, on the East side, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

13.—That the pit exit door-way on the East side of the house be increased in width to 6 feet; that the iron column in the pit and gallery lobby next Baker's-row be removed; and that a brick wall 9 inches thick be built in such lobby, to separate the pit, audience from the gallery audience.

14.—That the present balcony staircase on the West side of the house be removed, and a new staircase constructed in its stead; that such new staircase be continued up to the level of the gallery, for the use of the gallery audience in case of emergency; and that the steps of such staircase be constructed of solid York or other approved stone, with steps and landings 5 feet wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials.

15.—That the present gallery staircase at the East side of the house be removed, and be re-constructed of a width of 5 feet, in a similar manner to the staircase last described.

16.—That the Theatre proper be separated from adjoining premises, and from such portions of the Theatre premises as are used as dwelling-rooms, store-rooms, dressing-rooms, workshops, wardrobes, or for other purposes, vertically by brick walls, and horizontally by proper party structures; and that any openings in such walls be closed by wrought-iron doors, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves.

17.—That the opening between the beer cellar in the basement and the space under the pit, be stopped up with brickwork 9 inches thick.

18.—That all single steps in the auditorium be abolished, and inclined planes substituted, and that the floor of the new exit passage from the auditorium leading into Whitechapel-road be laid to a fall without steps.

19.—That the door-ways between the stage and the stage entrance in Baker's-row be re-arranged, and be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

20.—That two teak staircases, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, be provided to the dressing-rooms at the rear of the stage, and to the upper floors of the house in Baker's-row, on the East side of the Theatre, respectively.

21.—That the floors of the dressing-rooms over the carpenter's shop and scene dock, and the houses in Baker's-row, be formed of fire-resisting materials.

22.—That all the windows of the Theatre, overlooking adjoining premises, be fitted with wrought-iron hoppers.

23.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of easy rise, be formed on each side of the gallery, and a clear space 3 feet 6 inches wide formed around the back of the seats.

24.—That such portions of the wooden ventilators as rise above the roof of the Theatre be re-constructed of iron, or of other fire-resisting materials.

25.—That the dressing-rooms be re-arranged, and be lighted and ventilated from the external air, and that the passage-ways to the dressing-rooms be increased in width to 3 feet.

26.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout iron wire guards.

27.—That a hinged step ladder of teak be provided at the back of the stage, so as to render the existing door-way available as a means of exit into Caroline-place.

28.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, landings, and flights of steps, where not already provided.

29.—That all exit doors be made at least 4 feet 6 inches wide, and be re-hung in two folds, and that all doors throughout the building be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner of the premises, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly, or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions; and that the Committee do report further to the Board on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference of the Letter from Mr. F. Matcham, requesting the Board to grant their Certificate in respect of the new Grand Theatre, built on the site of the late Philharmonic Theatre, at Islington, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Alt be informed, in reply to his Letter, stating that the London and South-Western Railway Company had given him notice of their intention to enter upon possession of the Canterbury Theatre of Varieties for the purpose of widening their line, and asking for a postponement of the Arbitration between himself and the Board for a period of Six months; that the Board do not consider it expedient to intervene in the matter, inasmuch as the date for proceeding with the Arbitration has been fixed.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference of the application of Messrs. Wilson, Bristows and Carpmael, on behalf of the Piccadilly Art Galleries Company (Limited), for a Certificate with respect to the Art Galleries at Nos. 190 to 196, Piccadilly, be discharged.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure known as Vine-cottage, No. 97, High-street, Homerton, had failed to comply with the Order made by Henry Jeffreys Bushby, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Worship-street Police-court, on the 28th day of June last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the Easternmost part of Vine-cottage, No. 97, High-street, Homerton, measuring 18 feet from East to West,

and 29 feet from North to South, including the front and back walls and dependent parts, and the Eastern boundary wall at its Northern end, for a length of 40 feet.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owners of the party-wall, between the Falcon Drawing-dock, No. 78, Bankside, and the premises of the Hydraulic Power Company, St. Saviour's, Southwark, had failed to comply with the Order made by John Bridge, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Southwark Police-court, on the 24th day of July last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the party-wall between the Falcon Drawing-dock, No. 78, Bankside, and the premises belonging to the Hydraulic Power Company, St. Saviour's, Southwark, from the top to the bottom for 25 feet, from the North end of the same.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of Mr. J. W. Parrett, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops and covered ways on portions of the forecourts of Ravensbourne-villas, High-road, Catford, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted, and that the Lewisham District Board be informed that they have power to take action in the matter under the Act 25 and 26 Vict., cap. 102.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of Mr. R. A. Dash, on behalf of Mr. J. Lowther, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of three houses, with bay-windows, on the South side of the New Kent-road, at the corner of Paragon-mews, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of Mr. T. C. Clarke, on behalf of Messrs. Holland and Holland, for approval by the Board of the construction of No. 479, Oxford-street, as shown on the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the whole of the works be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of Mr. W. N. Dunn, on behalf of Messrs. Thomas and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of new roads to lead out of Merton-road, Wandsworth, and for the widening of portions of Merton-road, in connection therewith, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the applicants do, before commencing their building operations, enter into an undertaking, to be prepared by the Solicitor, providing for the removal of all existing buildings on the site of the new road to be named "Ingomar-road," previously to the formation of that road; and that the names "Palmerston-road, S.W.," in continuation, "Ingomar-road, S.W.." "Brathway-road, S.W.," and "Camborne-road, S.W.," be approved for the new roads.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. Roy, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an open portico on a portion of the forecourt of No. 7, Clifford-street, Bond-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application,

and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered, enclosed, or raised, without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. Douglas, for the consent of the Board to the erection of buildings on the East side of Exhibition-road, South Kensington, at the corner of Thurloe-place, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. Bean, on behalf of Messrs. Isaacs and Florence, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Normand-lane, Fulham, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application of Messrs. Collier and Merrin, on behalf of Messrs. Weston and Westall, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a one-storey building abutting on a passage leading out of the South side of Ridley-road, Dalston, in the position shown thereon, be not granted.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Runtz, and seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders—That the application be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend, when the application shall be considered.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. H. Jones, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the West side of Lansdowne-road, Hackney, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, as to the erection of a building on the North side of Eltringham-street, Wandsworth, and as to houses in course of erection on the North and South sides of that street, without the approval of this Board, be approved; and that the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report on the subject be communicated to the District Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. W. Hobbs, for approval by the Board of a Plan for a further extension of Dovedale-road, Coventry-park Estate, Streatham, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the name "Dovedale-road, S.W.," in continuation, be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. Baker, on behalf of the Committee of St. Ann's Mission-house, for approval by the Board of the erection of a Mission-house and room, on the South side of Raydon-street, Highgate, without an open space at the rear thereof, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, as to the proposed erection of buildings at the rear of No. 5, Lebanon-terrace, abutting on Lebanon-gardens, with an insufficient open space at the rear thereof be approved; and that the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report on the subject be communicated to the District Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of

Mr. T. Clarke, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of Victoria-chambers, in Chancery-lane and Southampton-buildings, Holborn, without the fire-proof separations required by the Building Act, 1855, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the Letter from Mr. E. R. Hewitt, District Surveyor, stating that a house on the West side of Frazier-street, Lambeth-marsh, at the corner of Carey-street, which had recently been condemned as a Dangerous Structure, and was being pulled down, would, if re-erected on old foundations, appear to be in advance of the general line of buildings, be approved; and that a copy of Mr. Hewitt's Letter be sent to the Vestry of Lambeth for their information.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. R. S. Browne, on behalf of Mr. J. Goettler, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 14, Forest-hill-road, Camberwell, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying the same, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Drivers and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Walford, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Nos. 79 and 81, Westminster-bridge-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. Steer, on behalf of Dr. Carver, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Lodge on the West side of St. Julian's-road, Streatham, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. J. Smithem, on behalf of Mr. Saker, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses on the East side of South Lambeth-road, at the corner of Fentiman-road, on a portion of the Beaufoy Estate, Lambeth, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the Letter from Mr. J. S. Quilter, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of a house at the corner of Leigham-court-road and Valley-road, Streatham, be approved, and that the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report on the subject be communicated to Mr. Quilter and to the Wandsworth District Board for their information.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. Dowling, on behalf of Messrs. Child and Child, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 1, Seville-street, Lowndes-square, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. R. Evans, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the South side of Pond-lane, Clapton, and for the widening of Pond-lane, in connection therewith, and of the names "Colenso-road, E.," and "Saratoga-road, E.," for the same, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Mrs. Brier, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a shed at her premises in Galley-wall-road, South Bermondsey, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855, be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction

of the District Surveyor, and that the building be constructed in accordance with the Board's Bye-laws for regulating the business of a Fat Melter and Extractor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Mr. F. Hammond, District Surveyor, as to the erection of a barrier across Poyning's-road, Junction-road, Islington, and the non-continuation of the road into Dartmouth-park-hill, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Mr. T. Roger Smith, District Surveyor, as to the neglected condition of two unfinished carcases at the lower end of West-hill, Wandsworth, be discharged.

13. Mr. Fowler, in the absence of Lord F. FitzRoy, the Chairman of the Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE THAMES RIVER (PREVENTION OF FLOODS) COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 7th August, 1883.

Your Committee beg to recommend—

That authority be given to your Engineer for the execution of the necessary Flood-works on the following premises, at the expense of the several Owners thereof—

Fulham District.

B41. Messrs. Williams and Sankey's Lime Wharf, Hammersmith-creek.

B58. Road-way under Hammersmith Bridge.

B33. Crispin's Boat-house.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
A. EWIN.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the Engineer be authorised to execute the Flood-works necessary at the following premises, at the expense of the several Owners thereof—

Fulham District.

B41. Messrs. Williams and Sankey's Lime Wharf, Hammersmith-creek.

B58. Road-way under Hammersmith Bridge.

B33. Crispin's Boat-house.

14. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 10th August, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have had under consideration the question of the steps which it is desirable to take with respect to the new Alhambra Theatre in Leicester-square. The building formerly existing on the site was destroyed by fire on the 7th December last, and the Lord Chamberlain, in accordance with the suggestion of the Board, gave notice to the proprietors that he would require the production by them of a Certificate from the Board, pursuant to the Act of 1878, before granting a License for the new Theatre. In consequence of the receipt of that intimation, Messrs. Perry and Reed, the Architects of the Alhambra Theatre Company, in a Letter presented to the Board on the 23rd February last (No. 49) stated that Drawings of the proposed new building would be submitted to the Board. This communication was referred by the Board to your Committee, who made a further reference of the same to the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee, in order that the details of the construction of the new Theatre might receive careful consideration.

The Drawings were submitted to the Sub-Committee on the 1st May last, and as the result of their examination of them, thirteen points were communicated to the Architects of the Theatre, in respect of which the Sub-Committee desired the Drawings to be amended, or further information to be supplied. These requirements of the Sub-Committee related to the following matters—

1.—The balcony staircase.
2.—The staircase to the boxes.
3.—The refreshment bars.
4.—The iron columns.
5.—The iron doors.
6.—The ventilation of the Theatre.
7.—The water supply.
8.—The dressing rooms.
9.—The skylights.
10.—The door-ways for the use of the public.
11.—The gallery seats.
12.—The doors on the ground floor.
13.—The completion of the Drawings.

A correspondence ensued between the Sub-Committee and Messrs. Perry and Reed upon the amendments to be made in the Drawings, and the details of the information to be furnished, but on the 31st ultimo it appeared that eight of the thirteen requirements had been complied with, leaving only the Seventh, Eighth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth for further consideration. The Sub-Committee urged upon Messrs. Perry and Reed the importance of complying in all respects with the suggestions which had been communicated to them, and your Committee had before them on Tuesday last a Letter, expressing their intention of sending in the amended Drawings on the following day, and making an application for the issue of the Board's Certificate under the Act. Your Committee have this day had before them the Drawings in question, and the Report of your Superintending Architect thereon, from which it appears that they may now receive the approval of the Board. Your Committee, therefore, recommend—

> That the Drawings submitted by Messrs. Perry and Reed for the proposed erection of the new Alhambra Theatre, as amended by the Drawings subsequently submitted in accordance with the suggestions of the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee, be approved; and that the Certificate be issued upon the completion of the building, to the satisfaction of the Board, in accordance with the approved Drawings.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
J. EBENEZER SAUNDERS,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
JOHN RUNTZ.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Drawings submitted by Messrs. Perry and Reed, for the new Alhambra Theatre in Leicester-square, as amended by the Drawings subsequently submitted in accordance with the suggestions of the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee, be approved, and that a Certificate, under the provisions of the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, be issued to the Owners of the Theatre upon the completion of the building in accordance with the approved Drawings, and to the satisfaction of the Board.

15. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 31st July, 1883.

Your Committee submit a list of 66 applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, and they recommend—

That in 54 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in five cases Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum at the places named, in stores situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90, and that in seven cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
JOHN RUNTZ,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
J. E. BRADFIELD.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the sixty-six persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolution were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

16. Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 4th August, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have visited Southwark-park, and, whilst there, they had their attention drawn to the necessity of providing water-closet and urinal accommodation for the use of the Cricketers and others frequenting the Park. At present all persons using the portion of the Park near the Cricket ground have to walk to the Lower-road entrance, and, as Cricket is very largely practised in Southwark-park, and attracts a great number of persons to the ground, your Committee are of opinion that accommodation of the description referred to should be provided for the public. They therefore recommend—

That an expenditure of £70 be sanctioned for the purpose.

In pursuance of the reference made to them by the Board on the 20th July last (No. 7), your Committee have considered what portion of Peckham-rye-common should be set apart for public Meetings, and under what regulations such Meetings should be held. Your Committee have visited the Common and have selected a site, which, besides being a reasonable distance from any building, is the best for Meetings, having regard to the contour of the ground. The site, which is shown on the Plan which your Committee submit herewith, is on the slope of a hill, and can be seen from nearly every part of the Common, so that any person desiring to attend a public Meeting can at once see when any such gathering is in progress, and those who do not can avoid the locality. With regard to Regulations, your Committee do not at present propose to report,

but to leave the subject open until after the Recess, in order to see whether any and, if so, what Rules are desirable. The recommendation which your Committee have now to submit is that the Board do approve of the site selected, and cause to be posted thereon a Notice to the effect that public Meetings, for all lawful purposes, may be held there at any time during daylight, and on any day, without notice, the Board reserving power to alter or vary such permission, and to frame Regulations if it be found necessary to do so. In the event of more than one Meeting being held at one time, your Committee propose that the Board's Officers should allow such Meetings at the nearest available points at a reasonable distance from the Notice board. Your Committee beg to submit the above arrangement for approval and adoption by the Board.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13) your Committee have authorised the erection of short lengths of fencing on Plumstead-common.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JAS. R. LLOYD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
DONALD MUNRO,
WM. SHEPHERD,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
G. HILL.

The Plan of Peckham-rye-common, showing the site on which the Committee suggest that Public Meetings should be allowed to be held, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That Water-closets and Urinals be erected in Southwark-park, near the Cricket-field, for the accommodation of Cricketers and others, at a cost of £70.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded—That the site shown on the Plan of Peckham-rye-common, now submitted, be approved as that on which Meetings may be held ; that a Notice to that effect be posted on the Common, and that Meetings be not allowed on any other portion of that Open Space.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. Richardson—That the site shown on the Plan of Peckham-rye-common, now submitted, be approved as that on which Meetings may be held.

The amendment having been put the vote, there were for it 3, against it 22 ; and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, when there were for it 23, against it 1,. and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried ; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the other proceeding of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

17. Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 10th August, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that 500 pales are required for repairing the boundary fence of Finsbury-park, and a quantity of timber for carrying out similar work in connection with the plant houses in the Park, and they therefore recommend—

That an expenditure of £27 be sanctioned for the purchase of the same.

As the Board are aware, a portion of land hitherto the property of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, has, by the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Act,.

1882, passed under the Board's control, to be maintained, for the future, as part of Tooting-beck-common. This land has just been formally handed over to the Board, and it becomes necessary, in order that the public may obtain access thereto, to remove the hedgerows and to lay pipes in the ditches adjoining the same. The work, which can be done by men in the Board's employ, will necessitate an expenditure of £32 for material, and your Committee recommend—

That the expenditure of that sum be sanctioned.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of 5 cwt. of whiting, at a cost of 7s., for use in Finsbury-park.

(Signed) JAS. R. LLOYD,
GEORGE HILL,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
WM. SHEPHERD.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That 500 pales, for repairing the boundary fence in Finsbury-park, and the requisite quantity of timber, for repairs to the plant-houses in the Park, be obtained at a cost of £27.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the materials required for carrying out the works, referred to in the Report of the Committee as necessary to be done in connection with the land formerly belonging to Emanuel College, and now forming part of Tooting-beck-common, be obtained at a cost of £32.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the other proceeding of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

18. It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. Dresser Rogers—That the Board do now adjourn.

After discussion, the motion was, by leave of the Board, withdrawn.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 10th August, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestries and District Boards—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
ST. PANCRAS.				
Raveley and Lupton Streets, St. John's College Park Estate.	430 360	15-inch. 12 „	pipe.	Recommended, subject to the gradient of the Sewer in Lupton-street being 1 in 10·41 as altered in green colour upon the Section.
HAMPSTEAD.				
Lyndhurst-gardens, Belsize-court Estate.	1,100 200	3′ 0″ × 2′ 0″ 12-inch.	1 brick. pipe.	Recommended, subject to the gradient of the Sewer from B to C being 1 in 131·43 in lieu of 1 in 115·00.
Abbeville-road, Agincourt-park Estate	670	3′ 9″ × 2′ 6″	1 brick.	Recommended as applied for.
LEWISHAM.				
Aylward-road, Perry-vale	375 320 (surface	12-inch. 9 „ water	pipe. „ culvert).	Recommended as applied for.
Radford, Tintagel and Loxley Roads, Laurel-cottage Estate, Hither-green-lane.	190 1,382 756 (surface	15-inch. 12 „ 9 „ water	pipe. „ „ culvert).	Recommended as applied for.
STRAND.				
Exeter-street	200	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestries and District Boards be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 10th August, 1883, on an application from the Strand District Board, for permission to stop up the undermentioned thoroughfare for the period and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Date of Application	Name of Street to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Remark.
1883. 6th August.	Exeter-street	Sewerage and repairs.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	This is an unimportant bye-street.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfare in question by the Strand District Board, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the period recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works.

21. The Engineer having stated that it was probable that application might be made during the Recess by Railway Companies and others, for the Board's approval of Plans, &c., for the construction of Bridges and other works,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, in the event of application being made during the Recess, for the sanction of the Board to the construction of Railway or other works, the Engineer be authorised, upon being satisfied as to the nature of such works, to sanction the execution of the same, and that he do submit to the Board, at their first Meeting after the Recess, a list of the several works which he shall have so sanctioned.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, in the event of application being made during the Recess by District Boards or Vestries, for the sanction of the Board to the construction of Sewers, the Engineer be authorised, upon being satisfied as to the nature of such works requiring to be executed, to sanction the execution of the same, and that he do submit to the Board, at their first Meeting after the Recess, a list of the several works which he shall have so sanctioned.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 9th August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. Morter, applying for permission to connect the drain of the new Arundel Hotel, at the South-West corner of Arundel-street, Strand, with the Sewer under the approach-road to the Victoria Embankment; stating that the local Sewer in Arundel-street, being of insufficient depth for the drainage of the new building, application was made for permission to connect the drain (a 9-inch pipe) with the Board's deeper Sewer in the approach-road, and recommending that the permission be granted, on condition that the drain be double-trapped at its outlet into the Sewer; that the works be carried out under the direction, and to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board, and that the Board be not held responsible for any flooding or other damage or accident that may arise from such connection, and that the foregoing conditions be embodied in such form as the Solicitor may advise.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved; that the application be granted, on the conditions recommended therein, and that the conditions be embodied in such a form as the Solicitor may advise.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 9th August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. R. Pratt, No. 47, South-street, New North-road, complaining of effluvia from the Sewerage works in course of execution in front of his shop, and

stating that he would hold the Board responsible for any loss of business or inconvenience sustained therefrom; stating that a short length of the existing Sewer in South-street was being re-constructed by the Board's Contractors in connection with the Essex-road, Islington (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme; that the works were being expedited as much as possible, and that deodorising materials were being used to prevent the escape of smell therefrom; and recommending that Mr. Pratt be informed to the foregoing effect, but that the Board cannot admit their liability for any alleged loss of business or temporary inconvenience sustained by him from the execution of their works in the public street.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mr. Pratt be informed accordingly.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 10th August, 1883, stating that the following quantities of Coal were required for use at the undermentioned Pumping Stations—

	Estimate.
Crossness Station.	
600 Tons of Tanfield Moor Coal	£410 0 0
Western Station.	
75 Tons of Welsh Coal	60 6 3
75 Tons of Tanfield Moor Coal	52 10 0
Total ...	£522 16 3

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 10th August, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contracts—

	Estimate.
Trapping 28 sewers and drains in the line of the old Fleet Sewer	£200 0 0
Repair and renewal of the campshedding to the open Stamford Brook (East branch) at Wormwood-scrubs	60 0 0
Laying 70 feet of pipe to connect the Ravensbourne Sewer with the chimney-flue of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company's works	50 0 0
Cleansing the Southern Outfall Sewer	75 0 0
Cleansing the settling pond at the Crossness Pumping Staion	60 0 0
Total	£445 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the several works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

26. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 10th August, 1883, stating that two new Coal-trucks were required for use at the Crossness Pumping Station, and recommending that they be supplied by Mr. R. Hudson, of Leeds, at a cost of £35.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal-trucks be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

27. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 10th August, 1883, stating that at the last Meeting of the Board he had reported upon a Letter from the Vestry of Paddington, to the effect that Mr. Vigers had constructed a Sewer in Fernoy-road at a shallower depth than that shown on the Plan approved by the Board; that as the result

of a further communication with the Vestry on the subject, he had received a Letter from them, stating that Mr. Vigers admitted that the Sewer was not constructed in accordance with the Plan, and asking whether the Sewer, as now constructed, was to be altered or adopted, and recommending that the Clerk should be instructed to at once inform the Vestry that the Sewer must be altered so as to conform with the Plan and Section approved by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that the Clerk do communicate with the Vestry accordingly

28. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 9th August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. T. A. Walker, on behalf of the Metropolitan District Railway Company, submitting for approval Drawings for the diversion of Sewers into the Whitechapel-road, between Middlesex-street and a point about 100 yards East of Great Garden-street; stating that the only Sewer shown upon the Plan, which was under the jurisdiction of the Board, was the Nightingale-lane Sewer, which would be cut through by the Railway, and which it was proposed to divert into the deep Sewer constructed by the Company, from the the Irongate Sewer at Little Tower-hill, under their Aldgate Station, and recommending that the diversion be permitted, but that the Sewer be constructed in the line shown by a red dotted line on the Plan, marked "B," accompanying the Report, and that the Sewer in Commercial-street be connected with the Sewer in Leman-street by a 3 feet cast-iron pipe, or by a larger number of pipes of equivalent discharging power, syphoned under the Railway, and fitted with a cast-iron penstock in a brick chamber at "Z," with access thereto from the road, and that side-entrances be formed to the Sewers at "X" and "Y;" further stating that the consent of the Board to the arrangement must be subject to the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London assenting to the new Sewer being connected with the Sewer under the Aldgate Station, for which Mr. Walker stated he had applied; and also stating that the other Sewers interfered with were under the jurisdiction of the Whitechapel District Board, and that Mr. Walker stated that he had already obtained from that Board their approval of the Plan.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application, so far as it relates to the diversion of the Nightingale-lane Sewer, be sanctioned, on the conditions recommended therein.

29. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 10th August, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. A. Langley, on behalf of the Great Eastern Railway Company, submitting, for approval, Plans of proposed Bridges to carry the authorised widenings of the Railway over Morpeth-street and Globe-road, Mile-end Old-town; stating that the headway under the Morpeth-street Bridge was to be 15 feet, and the span 40 feet on the square, as prescribed by the Company's Act, but that the span was shown somewhat reduced where it met the existing Bridge, which is only 34 feet in span; that he (the Engineer) had reported to the Works, &c., Committee, on the 6th instant, as to the re-building of the existing Bridge, upon an application made to the Board by the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, for a contribution towards its re-construction, and that the Board, upon the recommendation of that Committee, would probably suggest to the Vestry that they should endeavour to induce the Company to re-build the old Bridge with a span of 40 feet, to correspond with the new portion, now submitted for approval; and that, in the event of the Vestry being successful, the new portion should be made 40 feet throughout; and recommending, in other respects, that the design be approved, subject to the platform being constructed watertight, and so as to deaden sound as far as practicable, and to the parapets being extended of the same height for a length of 30 feet on both sides of the Bridge, unless stopped against a building; further stating that the Bridge over Globe-road was shown to be 44 feet in the span, the same as the existing Bridge, and with a headway of 17 feet, which was an improvement upon the requirements of the Act, and recommending that the Bridge be approved, subject to the same conditions as to deadening sound, watertight construction, and extending the parapets as for the Bridge over Morpeth-street.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the designs for the two Bridges be sanctioned, on the conditions recommended therein.

30. The Solicitor reported that the Board's Money Bill would probably receive the Royal Assent next week.

31. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan Board of Works (District Railway) Bill (Ventilators) had passed through its remaining stages, and was now awaiting the Royal Assent.

32. The Solicitor reported that the Hyde-park-corner (new streets) Bill had been before the Examiner of Standing Orders on Monday last, who had reported to the House that the Orders had not been complied with; that the Bill had therefore been referred to the Standing Orders Committee, who considered it on Wednesday last; that a Statement from the Vestry of St George, Hanover-square, was presented against dispensing with the Standing Orders, and that the Committee had decided that the Orders ought not to be dispensed with, and that the Bill had therefore been rejected for this Session. The Solicitor laid before the Board a copy of the Statement issued by the Vestry.

33. The Solicitor reported that the Petroleum Bill had been under consideration by a Committee of the House of Lords, consisting of the following Peers—

Duke of Somerset,
Earl Milltown,
Lord Monson,
Lord Ramsay,
Lord Norton.

That the Committee had met on Monday last, and again yesterday, and after receiving evidence had arrived at the following decision—

> "The Committee have met and have taken the evidence of Colonel "Majendie, Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, and also evidence from "London, Liverpool, Exeter, and other towns, and have heard the objections "of the Petroleum Association and of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and "are of opinion that any arrangements made for the storage and keeping of "Petroleum could not be carried out until the middle of next year. They "think, therefore, that the evidence they have collected will enable the Home "Office to form such a Bill (as may be deemed necessary) in the early part of "next Session, which will meet the views of the witnesses, and provide for the "safety of the public. They are, therefore, of opinion that it is not expedient "to proceed further with the Bill, and the Committee have ordered the evidence "to be laid before their Lordships."

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Solicitor do obtain copies of the evidence for the use of the Members of the Board.

34. The Solicitor reported that the Diseases Prevention (Metropolis) Bill had passed through the House of Commons and been sent up to the House of Lords.

35 The Solicitor reported that several of the Electric Lighting Bills were considered in Committee of the House of Lords last evening, and that others which were opposed would be referred to a Select Committee.

36. The Solicitor reported that the Commons and Inclosure Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill was still awaiting second reading.

37. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, and stated that it continued, until the 31st December next, the Locomotives on Roads Act, 1865.

38. The Solicitor reported that questions had been asked by Mr. Broadhurst and Mr. Firth, in the House of Commons, on the subject of the Water supply of the

Metropolis, to which the Chairman of the Board and the President of the Local Government Board had replied.

39. The Solicitor reported that Sir E. Watkin had asked the Home Secretary a question with respect to the storage of Petroleum in the Metropolis, to which the Home Secretary had replied.

40. The Solicitor reported that Mr. W. H. Smith had given notice, for next Session, for the appointment of a Select Committee to enquire as to the rating powers of the Metropolitan Water Companies.

41. The Solicitor reported that it might become necessary, during the Recess, to appoint Arbitrators, or issue Jury Warrants, on behalf of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman of the Board, or the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, be authorised to do the following acts, that is to say—to give directions for the appointment of Arbitrators, and to affix the Seal of the Board to any Jury Warrants, appointments of Arbitrators, Sealed Offers, Deeds, Agreements, and Documents, which it may be necessary, as matters of emergency, to seal before the next Meeting of the Board; and to make application to the Board of Trade to appoint an Umpire in all cases of emergency.

42. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Six blank forms, in duplicate, of appointment of Arbitrators, and six forms, in duplicate, of offer, for use in urgent cases during the Recess.

Contract with Messrs. Cory and Sons, for the supply, for one year from the 1st instant, of Coal and Coke.

Contract with Messrs. D. Radford and Co., for the supply, for one year from the 1st instant, of Welsh Coal.

Lease to Mr. G. Foskett, of part of the site in Gerrard-street, Newport-market, set apart under the Streets Improvements Act of 1877, for the erection of Artizans' Dwellings (Newport-market site).

Lease to Mr. E. J. R. Baldwin, of part of Plot No. 20, in Greenwich-road (Deptford Bridge Improvement).

Conveyance to Mr. C. A. Hanbury, and others (Trustees of the Boys' Refuge and Industrial School), of Nos. 1 and 2, Crown-court, and a piece of land at the rear of No. 101, Wentworth-street, Whitechapel (Goulston-street, &c., Scheme).

Notice, in duplicate, prepared in accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 27th ultimo, to the Owner of the Haymarket Theatre, to remedy structural defects therein.

Deed of Release by the Rev. C. Parfitt, and another, of a fee farm-rent of £4, issuing out of No. 31, Bedfordbury, and Nos. 1 to 10, Horse and Groom-yard, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Bedfordbury Scheme, under the Artizans' &c., Dwellings Act).

Conveyance by Mr. J. C. C. Smith and others, of premises in Sugar Loaf-court, George-street, and Wentworth-street, Whitechapel, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Goulston-street, &c., Scheme under the Artizans' &c., Dwellings Act).

Contract with Mr. D. O. Boyd, for the execution of works for ventilating the Library.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents, respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

43. Read a Report, as follows—

10th August, 1883.

SALE OF LEASES OF PUBLIC-HOUSE SITES.

Lot 1.—The "Artichoke," Camberwell.
„ 2.—The "Red Bull," Gray's-inn-road.

Leases of these sites were put up for sale on Wednesday last, and were sold. The following are the particulars of the result—

Lot.	Property.	Rent.	Reserve.	Sale price and purchaser.
1	The "Artichoke," and land adjoining, Camberwell.	£150	£3,000	£5,000 Mr. Wm. Wetherly.
2	The "Red Bull," Gray's-inn-road and Portpool-lane.	£100	£1,750	£1,960 Messrs. Reid and Co.

Will the Board please direct the Seal to be affixed to the Leases.

SALE OF THE FREEHOLD OF THE "GREEN MAN AND STILL," WHITECROSS-STREET, AND TWO HOUSES, AND VACANT LAND ADJOINING.

This property was also sold on Wednesday last. The reserve was fixed at £4,500, and the property was knocked down to Mr. William Wetherly for £5,000.

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Leases; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

44. The Solicitor reported that the Chairman had, since the last Meeting of the Board, affixed the Seal to a Notice to the London and South-Western Railway Company, as to the alteration and re-construction of certain Bridges over roads, as provided by the South-Western Railway Act, 1882.

45. The Solicitor presented a copy of a Notice which he had received from the Secretary of the Local Government Board, that an inquiry would take place at the Offices of the Local Board at Wimbledon on the 21st instant, with reference to the construction of certain sewerage works within the Wimbledon District, and he suggested whether the Board would desire that he should have a short-hand note taken of what might transpire at the inquiry.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Solicitor be authorised to obtain a short-hand note of the proceedings.

46. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £10,000 to the Guardians of the Poor of Lewisham, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for the amount.

It moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £10,000 be now drawn in favour of the Guardians of the Poor of Lewisham; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

47. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £25,000 to the Guardians of the Poor of Lambeth, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for the amount.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £25,000 be now drawn in favour of the Guardians of the Poor of Lambeth; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

48. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £2,600 to the Guardians of the Holborn Union, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for the amount.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £2,600 be now drawn in favour of the Guardians of the Holborn Union; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

49. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £6,700 to the Plumstead District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorsing the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas, the Board of Works for the Plumstead District, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to this Board for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said District Board, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said District, of the sums following, that is to say, Four hundred pounds for the purpose of executing certain sewerage works in Woodstock-road, Lee, the Plan of which was approved by this Board on the twentieth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three; Six hundred pounds for the purpose of purchasing a Lease of certain land at Woodstock-road, Lee, for the term of Ninety-three and a quarter years, from the fifth April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, at a ground-rent of Thirty-two pounds per annum, such land being required by the District Board as a site for the erection of new offices, stabling, and cartsheds; Four thousand two hundred pounds for the purpose of erecting the said offices, stabling, cartsheds and boundary walls on the site aforesaid; and One thousand five hundred pounds for the purchase of Twelve horses, Twelve sets of harness, Twelve gravel carts, Six dust-collecting carts, and Four scavenging carts. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the several sums aforesaid should be borrowed by the District Board for the several purposes aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of the aforesaid sums of Four hundred pounds, Six hundred pounds, Four thousand two hundred pounds, and One thousand five hundred pounds, for the several purposes aforesaid, such Loans respectively to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, and the principal to be re-paid, as to the sums of Four hundred pounds and Six hundred pounds, within Thirty years, as to the sum of Four thousand two hundred pounds, within Fifteen years, and as to the sum of One thousand five hundred pounds, within Five years respectively from the dates of the Loans, by annual instalments of as nearly equal amount as may be.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £6,700 be now drawn in favour of the Plumstead District Board; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

50. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £15,000 to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount and also draw a Cheque for the same, and also a Cheque for £18 15s. for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage deed.

It was moved by Mr. Ewin, seconded by Mr. Selway, and resolved—That the consideration of the subject be deferred until the first Meeting of the Board after the Recess.

51. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £2,800 to the Lewisham District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorising the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Board of Works for the Lewisham District, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the said District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said District Board, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said District, of a sum of Two thousand eight hundred pounds, required by the said District Board—that is to say—Two thousand one hundred pounds, for the purpose of defraying the expense of executing certain granite kerbing, channelling, and crossing works in the said District, and Seven hundred pounds to defray part of the expense of executing certain paving works in various roads within the said District, and in widening and improving the road of Rushy-green and Dermody-road in the said District. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of Two thousand eight hundred pounds should be borrowed by the said District Board for the purposes aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction, in writing, of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given to the borrowing by the said District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of Two thousand eight hundred pounds for the purposes aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid, as to the Two thousand one hundred pounds, by equal annual instalments, within Ten years, and as to the Seven hundred pounds, by annual instalments of as nearly equal an amount as may be within Six years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £2,800 be now drawn in favour of the Lewisham District Board; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

52. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £10,000 to the Vestry of Kensington, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for £5,000, for the first instalment of the Loan.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary Abbot, Kensington, in the County of Middlesex, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry, under the first-mentioned Act within the said Parish, of a sum of Ten thousand pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred, or to be incurred, by the Vestry in executing certain wood-paving works in Elgin-crescent, Portobello-road, and Earl's-court-road, in the said Parish. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of Ten thousand pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of Ten thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three

pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by annual instalments of as nearly equal an amount as may be, within a period of Six years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £5,000 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Kensington; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

53. The Solicitor presented a Letter from Mr. J. R. Moore, Secretary of the Land Commissioners, dated 8th August, 1883, requesting that a sum of £100 might be deposited with them as security for the expense to be incurred under the proposed Scheme as to Streatham-common.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for £100 be now drawn to the order of the Land Commissioners for England; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Working Account accordingly.

54. The Solicitor reported that the arrangement as to the undermentioned Loan had been completed, viz.—

	Amount of Loan.
Fulham District Board	£900

55. The Solicitor reported, with respect to the action brought against the Board by Mr. Cox, cab proprietor, for £23 18s. for damage done to a horse belonging to him by the alleged negligent driving by a Coachman of one of the Fire Brigade Vans on the 3rd February last, that the case had been heard at the Westminster County Court on the 7th instant, when Mr. Woodward had appeared as Counsel for the Board, and that after hearing the evidence of the plaintiff, and that for the Board, which included the evidence of Captain Shaw, who was in the Van at the time, the judge had decided that there had been no negligent driving, and had given a verdict for the Board, with taxed costs.

56. The Clerk reported that two sealed copies of the Board's Bye-laws relating to Parks and Open Spaces were required for use by the Solicitor in cases in the Police-courts, and he laid before the Board the necessary printed copies.

The Clerk also laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 3rd instant (No. 5), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Beak-street, &c.	St. James, Westminster.
Furze-street, &c., Bromley	Poplar.
Glaucus-street do.	Do.
Sherwood-street, &c., do.	Do.
Tibbatt's-road, &c., do.	Do.
Bartholomew-place, &c.	Bethnal-green.
Ramsey-street	Do.
New Somerford-street, &c.	Do.
Tapp-street	Do.
Albert-street, &c.	Mile-end Old-town.
Crown-street, Hammersmith	Fulham.
Grove-road, &c., do.	Do.
Stareh-green-road, &c., Hammersmith	Do.
Cornwall-street...	Lambeth.
Elizabeth-street, &c.	Do.
Frederick-street, &c.	Do.
Victoria-street	Do.
Tufnell-park-road (part), &c.	Islington.
Obligation-road	Wandsworth.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Bye-laws, and to the copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

57. Read a Report, as follows—

Accountant's Department,
Spring-gardens,
10th August, 1883.

The 59th Clause of the Commercial Gas Act, 1875, prescribes that a copy of the Accounts of the Company should be forwarded to this Board before the Auditor certifies the same, so that the Board may, in case they so desire, appear before the Auditor with respect to any matter relating to the Accounts.

I have examined the Statements of Account for the half-year to the 30th June last, which were laid before the Board on the 3rd instant. There are no items, so far as I have discovered, on which the Board would desire to appear before the Auditor.

Would the Board authorise me to intimate the same to the Auditor and the Company as in previous half-years.

(Signed) A. GUNN.
Accountant.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Accountant be authorised accordingly.

58. The Clerk presented a Report from Dr. H. N. Pink, dated 2nd August, 1883, as to the cases of sickness at the Deptford Pumping Station during the past year.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Report be received.

59. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. E. Salway, Clerk to the Vestry of Chelsea, dated 4th August, 1883, urging upon the Board the desirability of arranging for the receipt of Tenders for the re-building of Battersea Bridge, and for the commencement of the works at the earliest possible date; and requesting that no deviation from the Plan and Section approved might be made, without affording the Vestry an opportunity of offering suggestions thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Bridges Committee, for consideration and report.

60. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Hackney District.

Town Hall, Hackney.
3rd August, 1883.

Improvement at Lower Clapton.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Board of Works for the Hackney District to state that the above Improvement is now completed; and, in accordance with the conditions under which the work was carried out, I have to request that you will report the matter to your Board, with a view of the promised contribution of a moiety of the cost (amounting to £625) being paid to the District Board.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD ELLIS.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

61. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Secretary of the General Steam Navigation Company, dated 3rd August, 1883, asking the Board to receive a Deputation from the Company on the subject of the proposed Bridge across the Thames below London Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Deputation be received at the next Meeting of the Board.

62. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary, Rotherhithe.
Offices, 82, Paradise-street, S.E.,
8th August, 1883.

Gentlemen,—I am directed by the Vestry of Rotherhithe to make application to your Honorable Board for a Loan of £1,800 upon Mortgage of the rates authorised to be raised by the Vestry under the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, within this Parish for the purpose of defraying the cost of paving, with new 4 by 7 Guernsey granite cubes, the portion of the carriage-way of Commercial-dock-road, from the Engineer's Office, Surrey Commercial Dock to the East corner of Elgar-street.

The Vestry wish the re-payment of the Loan to be made by 20 annual instalments, and the rate of interest on the most favourable terms the Board can allow.

The Surveyor of pavements to the Vestry (Mr. E. Thomas) will submit to the Board an Estimate of the cost of the proposed paving works. The Vestry of this Parish will be greatly obliged by the early and favourable consideration of this application by your Honourable Board.

I remain, &c.,
(Signed) Jas. J. STOKES,
Clerk to the Vestry.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

Estimate of cost of paving carriage-way of Commercial-dock-road, Rotherhithe.

Specification—
To supply and lay with 4 by 7 Guernsey granite cubes properly dressed on 4 inches of gravel grouted with lime and sharp sand, to include all carting of surplus earth, watching, fencing, lighting, &c.

Section No. 1— From entrance to Docks to Lady-dock Bridge, distance 520 feet, containing 1,400 superficial yards, at 13s. 6d.	£945 – –
Section No. 2— From Lady-dock Bridge to the East side of Elgar-street, distance 500 feet, containing 1,300 superficial yards, at 13s. 6d.	877 10 –
	£1,822 10 –

(Signed) Edwd. THOMAS,
August 9th, 1883. Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

63. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Vestry-hall, Borough-road, Southwark, S.E.,
August 8th, 1883.

The Vestry of the Parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, Loan.

Dear Sir,—The Vestry of this Parish being desirous of paving the sides of the carriage-way of the Waterloo-road in this Parish with 3 inches by 6 inches Groby or other approved Leicestershire granite cubes, at their Meeting, duly convened for the consideration of the question, and held last evening, resolved, unanimously, as follows—

"That the consent of the Metropolitan Board of Works be applied for to the borrowing
"by the Vestry of a sum of £1,700 for paving the sides of the carriage-way of the
"Waterloo-road in this Parish with 3 inches by 6 inches Groby or other approved

"Leicestershire granite cubes, and that the Board be requested to lend the same "for twenty years."

Will you please lay this application before the Metropolitan Board of Works?

Copy Specification enclosed.

Yours, &c.,

J. E. Wakefield, Esq. (Signed) A. MILLAR.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

64. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Harris, Clerk to the Westminster District Board, dated 8th August, 1883, assenting to this Board's conditions with regard to the erection of a Urinal at the entrance to the passage-way over the King's Scholars' Pond Sewer in Francis-street.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Engineer.

65. The Clerk presented a Letter from Dr. Rygate, Medical Officer of Health to the Vestry of St. George-in-the-East, dated 8th August, 1883, referring to the request of the Home Secretary as to reporting on all unhealthy areas in the Parish, so that they might be dealt with under the Artizans' &c. Dwellings Acts; and asking the Board to re-consider the representations already made with regard to the London-terrace and Perseverance-place areas.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

66. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Sparks, on behalf of the Trustees of Sir John Cass's Charity, dated 7th August, 1883, transmitting a Plan showing a proposed continuation of Maynell-road to Church-crescent, skirting Well-street-common, South Hackney, and asking the Board's consent to the carrying out of the same, subject to satisfactory arrangements being effected with other parties interested.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report.

67. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Lloyd, dated 7th August, 1883, transmitting copy of Resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the London Municipal Reform League, with reference to the contemplated public Improvements by the Board within the Metropolis.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

68. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. B. Ellis, Hon. Secretary of the Peckham-rye-common Defence League, dated 7th August, 1883, asking whether, inasmuch as Cricket is allowed as a recreation on the whole of Peckham-rye, a like privilege is to be extended to those who desire to assemble together in public Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Ellis be informed that the Board have decided to set apart a portion of Peckham-rye on which public Meetings may be held.

69. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. Lewis, transmitting a Plan for a Subway beneath the Thames at Tower-hill, and approaches thereto, and stating that if the Board would grant him an interview he could more clearly explain the Scheme.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Lewis be thanked for his Plan.

70. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. Hill, dated 8th August, 1883, requesting permission to hold a religious service on the Lower Heath, Hampstead, on the 19th instant.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Hill be informed that the Board are not, at present, prepared to comply with his request.

71. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 7th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (in Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·0	16·8	16·9	8·1	7·3	7·6	0·4	0·0	0·1	None.
	Camden ..	17·2	16·5	16·8	11·5	10·5	11·2	0·3	0·2	0·3	„
	Dalston ..	17·4	16·9	17·2	12.2	9·8	11·6	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Bow	17·0	16·6	16·8	10·0	9·4	9·7	1·8	1·5	1·6	„
	Chelsea ..	16·7	16·5	16·6	12·6	10·0	11·3	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·3	17·2	17·3	12·6	8·7	10·7	0·3	0·2	0·2	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·6	21·1	21·4	10·8	9 2	9·9	0·8	0·8	0·8	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham ..	16·9	16·3	16·6	16·8	8·2	9·4	0·3	0·0	0·1	„
	Tooley-street .	17·0	16·4	16·6	12·2	8·3	10·8	0·2	0·0	0·1	„
	Clapham ..	17·0	16·4	16·8	12·0	8·6	10·2	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham ..	17·2	16·5	16·9	7·2	5·9	6·7	0·6	0·4	0·4	„
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford ..	17·3	16·5	16·9	11·3	8·9	10·1	0·4	0·3	0·3	„
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·1	16·3	16·7	16·2	10·1	12·7	0·4	0·2	0·3	„

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, as tested in High-street, Shoreditch, at 10 p.m. on the 4th instant, was 2·5 inches.

72. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. B. Gale, on behalf of Mr. H. Pearson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on the forecourts of Nos. 747A and 749, Old Kent-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

73. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Oxley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of four houses, with shops, on a portion of the forecourt of a house on the West side of Hammersmith-road, Hammersmith, at the corner of Blythe-lane, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

74. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. C. Bean, on behalf of Mr. Bluff, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on the forecourt of No. 1, Angel-road, Hammersmith, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

75. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. P. J. Gordon and Sons, on behalf of Mr. A. Brandon, relative to a building adjoining the "Nell Gwynne" Public-house, alleged to have been erected beyond the general line of buildings on the South side of Stanley Bridge, King's-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

76. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. W. Thompson, on behalf of Mr. T. M. Millar, for the consent of the Board to the erection of thirteen houses, with bay windows, on the North side of Tryon's-place, Mare-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

77. Hampstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Hampstead, relative to the erection of buildings in the Edgware-road, at the corner of Palmerston-road, alleged to be in advance of the general line of buildings in the Edgware-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

78. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Messrs. W. Emden and Co., for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a shop, on the East side of Holloway-road, at the corner of Alexander-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

79. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. J. Boswell, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses, with shops, on the East side of Dartmouth-park-hill, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces separating the proposed erections from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

80. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. F. Holsworth, on behalf of Mr. A. Garrett, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an addition to No. 11, Elgin-mews South, Maida-vale, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

81. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Rowland, on behalf of Sir S. M. M. Wilson, Bart., for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1 to 18, and 20 to 26, Charlton-terrace, Greenwich and Woolwich Lower-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

82. St. Olave, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Billing, on behalf of Messrs. Talbot and Lugg, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Gladdish's Wharf, Shad Thames, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

83. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. E Hide, on behalf of Mr. R. H. C. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a two-storey addition upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 3, The Grove, Highgate, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

84. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Armitage, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a dwelling-house adjoining No. 20, Clapham Old-town, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

85. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. H. Stevens, on behalf of Mr. C. Smith, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft at The Steam Laundry in Orchard-road, Shepherd's-bush.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

86. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Dr. G. Von Cronenthal, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, the temporary iron building erected at the rear of Nos. 54, 56, and 58, Coningham-road, Shepherd's-bush.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for one year from the 26th July last, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

87. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. V. M. Braund, on behalf of the Land Development Association, Limited, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the North side of Overy-park, Brockley-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

88. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. C. Rogers, on behalf of Mr. S. Yardley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a workshop on the West side of Paradise-passage, Liverpool-road, in the position shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

89. Mile-end Old-town.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Hammack and Lambert, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road in continuation of Bryce-street, Stepney, and of the name "Bryce-street, E.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

An **amendment** thereon was **moved** by Mr. R. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Abbott—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads.

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and having been put as an **original motion** it was also carried; and it was **resolved** accordingly.

90. PADDINGTON.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Chappell, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the North side of the Bayswater-road.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be not granted.

91. PLUMSTEAD.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st August, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Sykes, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the West side of Lenham-road, High-road, Lee, on the Lee House Estate, and of the name "Brightfield-road" for the same.

It was **moved** by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

92. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of buildings on the North side of the Railway Approach, in High-road, Streatham, in the position and to the line shown upon such Plan.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be not granted.

93. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. P. Deane, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Dighton-road, and of the name "Birdhurst-road, S.W.," in continuation, for the same.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

94. BERMONDSEY.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Mr. H. Shaw, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a shed at the rear of his premises in Staple-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be not granted.

95. ST. GEORGE, HANOVER-SQUARE.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. H. Collins, on behalf of Mr. Rogers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of Nos. 365 and 367, Oxford-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

96. LEWISHAM.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Sykes, for approval by the Board of the erection of a Cottage in Berryman's-lane, Lower Sydenham, with an open space at the rear thereof, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

97. Woolwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. O. Cook, on behalf of Mr. S. Barnes, for approval by the Board of amended Plans of certain proposed additions and alterations at the Theatre Royal in Beresford-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

98. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Peebles, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of Fees for special services performed by him in certifying as to the cutting away of a chimney-breast in the party-wall on the floor of No. 8, and also a chimney-breast in the party wall on the ground-floor of No. 9, Clarence-terrace, Regent's park.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of Ten shillings in respect of each of the special services referred to.

99. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. L. Sharp, for approval of an alteration in the name of a road leading out of Sterndale-road, Hammersmith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the road referred to be named "Dunsany-road, W," in lieu of "Riesbach-road, W."

100. Metropolis.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th August, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, Licenses in respect of the undermentioned temporary buildings—

Skating Rink in the Finchley-new-road, Hampstead.
Hall, at the Priory, Upper-street, Islington.
Hall, at Downs Lodge, Merton-road, Wandsworth.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

101. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Birt, on behalf of Mr. J. J. Grant, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft in South-street, Havil-street, Peckham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

102. Paddington.—Read a communication from Mr. Horace Gundry, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of Paddington, dated 8th August, 1883, notifying that certain alterations at Nos. 407 and 409, Edgware-road, and the erection of new buildings at the rear thereof, were about to be carried out under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. Horace Gundry, District Surveyor for the District of Paddington, did on the 8th day of August, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Horace Gundry, was engaged to act professionally in respect of certain alterations at Nos. 407 and 409, Edgware-road, and the erection of new buildings at the rear thereof, and the said Horace Gundry has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now,

therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Alexander Peebles, District Surveyor for the District of North St. Marylebone, be appointed by this Board, and the said Alexander Peebles is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

103. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Berrie, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a pair of villas on the West side of Bickersteth-road, Lower Tooting, with basement walls of Portland cement concrete.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that a License, with such conditions as to the quality and composition of the concrete, and other matters, as are contained in the form of License approved by the Board on the 28th November, 1879 (No. 6), be granted to the applicant.

104. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th August, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. H. Collins, on behalf of Mr. Rogers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of Nos. 365 and 367, Oxford-street, as shown on the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the works be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Adjourned until Friday, the 28th September next, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 7.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **28th** day of **September**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—WILLIAM ROBBINS SELWAY, ESQ., in the Chair.

DONALD MUNRO, ESQ.
THOMAS HENRY ELAM, ESQ.
WILLIAM HENRY DALTON, ESQ.
JOHN TOLHURST, ESQ.
ROBERT COX, ESQ.
EDWARD DRESSER ROGERS, ESQ.
WILLIAM ROBSON, ESQ.
GEORGE PHILLIPS, ESQ.
GEORGE EDWARDS, ESQ.
GEORGE BROWN, ESQ.
JOHN ABBOTT, ESQ.
ALFRED EWIN, ESQ.
WILLIAM JAMES WETENHALL, ESQ.
FREDERICK INGOLDBY, ESQ., F.R.C.S., ENG.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD, ESQ.
JAMES EBENEZER SAUNDERS, ESQ., DEPUTY.
FRANCIS HAYMAN FOWLER, ESQ.
JAMES RICHARD LLOYD, ESQ.
ROBERT FURNISS, ESQ.
WILLIAM URQUHART, ESQ.
GEORGE PITNEY MEADEN, ESQ.
GUILDFORD BARKER RICHARDSON, ESQ.
THOMAS JOHN WHITE, ESQ.
JOHN REDDISH, ESQ.
THOMAS TURNER, ESQ.
THOMAS MORRISON FAIRCLOUGH, ESQ.
ROBERT JONES, ESQ.
JOHN RUNTZ, ESQ.

1. It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Elam, and resolved—That

WILLIAM ROBBINS SELWAY, ESQ.,

be requested to take the Chair; and he took the Chair accordingly.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 10th August last, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman (Mr. Selway) and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

3. Read a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of the Parish of St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell.

Vestry Hall, Clerkenwell,
58, Rosoman-street, E.C.,
September 21st, 1883.

DEAR SIR—I have the pleasure to inform you that, at a meeting of this Vestry, held last evening, William Robson, Esq., of 19, Holford-square, was unanimously elected representative of Clerkenwell at the Metropolitan Board of Works, in place of E. J. Thompson, Esq., resigned.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT PAGET,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens.

4. A Deputation from the General Steam Navigation Company, introduced by Mr. Dalton, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz., Mr. J. H. Tritton, Sir S. Hogg,

Mr. E. Roote, Mr. T. T. Kent, Mr. M. Pratt, and Mr. G. Brockelbank, attended th Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

To the Chairman and Members of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the General Steam Navigation Company of 71, Lombard-street, London, E.C.,

SHEWETH—

1.—That your Memorialists are the owners of a fleet of Steamers, representing in the aggregate 43,800 tons, and have a large business between London and Foreign Ports in the carriage of goods and passengers, excluding their vessels that have run between British Ports with passengers only, and which in themselves constitute in the course of the year an important tonnage. The following are the totals of the steam tonnage of the General Steam Navigation Company entered and cleared through Her Majesty's Customs in London for the years 1880, 1881 and 1882—

	Net Register Tons.
1880	1,711,000
1881	1,599,022
1882	1,584,320

These figures form a considerable proportion of the entire steam tonnage passing in and out of the Port of London.

2.—That the fleet of the Company is annually increasing in tonnage and size, and it is necessary, owing to competition and other causes, that they and other shipowners use the largest available ships.

3.—An important proportion of the cargoes inwards carried by the Company's vessels, as also those of other shipowners engaged in similar trades, consists of perishables and goods in frail packages, and they all, with very few exceptions, trade to and from the tiers and wharves adjacent to London Bridge, at which wharves alone adequate facilities for such description of business exists at present in London.

Your Memorialists therefore urge in the strongest possible manner, in the interests of the trade and commerce and general welfare of the Port of London, the absolute necessity of continuing and maintaining a clear water-way for large vessels up to London Bridge.

4.—For the reason, amongst others, that Subways are capable of being made as efficient as a Bridge, and at a great saving in cost your Memorialists also urge that this means of communication be at least tried before any Bridge Eastward of London Bridge is commenced; and,

Lastly.—Your Memorialists desire to impress upon your Honourable Board that the suggestion of prolonging the Coal and Wine Duties should be abandoned, on the ground that these Duties restrict manufactures and injure the trade of London, and otherwise press most hardly upon those least capable of bearing them; and, further, that it is inexpedient the expenditure for great Metropolitan Improvements be borne otherwise than by direct taxation falling upon the whole community.

Your Memorialists therefore ask your Honourable Board to receive a Deputation of the Directors of the General Steam Navigation Company, in order that they may have the opportunity of explaining their views more fully.

By order of the Board,
(Signed) CHARLES H. GLYN,
Secretary.

September 20th, 1883.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

5. It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the consideration of the motion by Mr. Richardson, notice of which appears in the paper of business, be deferred.

6. This being the day appointed for receiving Tenders for the execution of day and measured works of every kind required to be performed (for a period of One year) in

maintaining, cleansing, watering, &c., the carriageways and footways of the Victoria Embankment and its approaches,

The Clerk laid before the Board the several Tenders which he had received, pursuant to the Advertisement.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the several Tenders be now opened.

The Tenders were then opened, as follows—

Mr. William Webster, No. 8, St. Martin's-place.

Messrs. A. and F. Culverhouse, Purfleet Canal and Camden Wharves, Camden-town and Hampstead.

Messrs. Turner and Sons, Stanley Bridge-wharf, King's-road, Chelsea.

Mr. George G. Rutty, Bromley-by-Bow.

Messrs. Nowell and Robson, Warwick-road, Kensington.

Mr. Joseph S. Gabriel, Grelliers and Canterbury Wharves, Belvedere-road, Lambeth.

Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Grosvenor Wharf, Westminster.

Messrs. J. Williams, Son and Wallington, No. 132, Shepherd's-bush-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Tenders be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

7. Mr. Shepherd handed in a Memorial, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Bermondsey in the County of Surrey,

Sheweth—

1.—That your Memorialists are the governing body of the Parish of Bermondsey, which has a population of upwards of 86,562, and there are in the Parish considerably more than 11,352 houses, representing a ratable value of over £371,159.

2.—That, in addition to this large number of houses, there is a considerable number of extensive factories and warehouses, some of which contain materials of a highly inflammable nature.

3.—That several disastrous fires have occurred in the Parish, conspicuous amongst which was a most alarming conflagration upon the premises of Messrs. Proctor and Bevington, at No. 124, Grange-road, in this Parish.

4.—That, although the Parish has such an extensive area and so much valuable property within its boundaries, there are no Fire Stations in the district nearer than the Old Kent-road, Tooley-street and the Gomm-road Stations, the first being situate 1 mile and 176 yards in a direct line from Tooley-street, the second being 1 mile and 293 yards from Gomm-road, and the third being 1 mile 586 yards from Tooley-street.

5.—That the distance from the corner of Spa-road and Neckinger to the Tooley-street Station, in a direct line, is 1,115 yards ; from the same spot to the Old Kent-road Station is 983 yards, and from the same place to the Gomm-road Station is 1,570 yards.

6.—That, by reason of the scarcity of Fire Stations in the neighbourhood, much valuable time is unavoidably lost and much damage to property occasioned, most of which might be prevented by the existence of a Fire Engine Station within the Parish of Bermondsey, and such a Station should be placed as near as possible to the Town-hall, which is about the centre of the Parish.

7.—The South-Eastern portion of the Parish is in a particularly defenceless state against fire, being so far from Tooley-street and Old Kent-road Stations, and Southwark-park intervening between that portion of the Parish and Gomm-road Station, from which Engines could only reach the fire, when called to that neighbourhood, by a most circuitous route.

8.—Your Memorialists would readily assist your Honourable Board in acquiring or selecting a site for a new Station to the utmost of their power and the best of their ability,

considering, as they do, that the present lamentable lack of means of defence against fire calls for the strenuous exertions of local authorities in the endeavour to remedy the present state of affairs.

Your Memorialists, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable Board will take the necessary steps to have a Fire Station placed in some convenient spot in the Parish, in order that the property therein may be better protected from loss by fire, and that a site as near as possible to the Bermondsey Town-hall may be selected for a new Fire Station.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

The Common Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of Bermondsey, in the County of Surrey, was hereunto affixed, by Order of the said Vestry, on the thirteenth day of August, 1883, in the presence of

L. S.

(Signed) J. HARRISON, Clerk,
Town-hall, Spa-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration and report.

8. Mr. Tolhurst handed in a Memorial, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey,

Sheweth,—

That your Memorialists are of opinion that the formation of an ornamental Lake in Southwark-park will add considerably to the enjoyment of the Park by the public, as a means of creating further recreations in the way of boating and skating, as well as by adding an attraction which exists in all other Parks in London, but of which Southwark-park is deficient.

That water can be supplied without much difficulty or expense through a culvert belonging to your Memorialists, which is situate near the principal entrance in Southwark-park-road, and through which a plentiful supply of water can be drawn from the Thames.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that your Honourable Board will concur in the views of your Memorialists, and cause an ornamental Lake to be formed in Southwark-park as early as practicable.

Sealed by Order of the Vestry, this 25th day of September, 1883.

L. S.

(Signed) JAMES J. STOKES,
Clerk to the Vestry.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report.

9. Mr. Richardson handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Greenwich District,
141, Greenwich-road, Greenwich, S.E.,
26th September, 1883.

Sir,—I am instructed to call the very serious attention of the Metropolitan Board of Works to the dangerous nuisance caused by the ventilation of the Metropolitan Main Sewers being carried on by untrapped gratings opening into the leading thoroughfares of this District. Wherever there is such an opening there is an offensive smell, and at very many of them the stench is of the vilest character. Complaints are made to this Board, as the sanitary authority, that the main system of drainage, to the expense of which this District contributes, instead of being a safeguard to the health of the inhabitants against disease, is actually bringing into the thoroughfares noxious gaseous emanations from the whole of the sewage of the South side of the Thames. My Board would be glad to know that some speedy and effectual steps will be taken to so ventilate the sewers as to prevent this dangerous nuisance for the future.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. SPENCER,
Clerk of the Board.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

10. Mr. Richardson handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Greenwich District,
141, Greenwich-road, Greenwich, S.E.,
26th September, 1883.

Sir,—My Board proposes to make a short street from the end of Cold Bath-street with a Bridge across the Ravensbourne, on the site coloured Blue on the accompanying Plan, to connect Cold Bath-street with the roads coloured Pink on such Plan. My Board consider that such a communication is much wanted at that point, and would prove a great convenience to the inhabitants of Greenwich, Deptford, and Lewisham, and form a valuable Local Improvement. The estimated cost of acquiring the site, building the Bridge, and constructing the road is £2,000, and I am instructed, on the part of this Board, to request that the Metropolitan Board of Works may be pleased to contribute a moiety of the cost of the Improvement, and to lend this Board so much of such cost as will not be provided by the contribution of the Metropolitan Board for a long term of years, on the security of the General Rates of the District.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. SPENCER,
Clerk of the Board.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the said Letter as relates to a contribution to the Improvement be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report; that the application for a Loan be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report; and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

11. Mr. Tolhurst, in the absence of Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Finance Committee.

Spring-gardens, 25th September, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 28th July, 1883		£531,027 12 10	
Receipts since that date, as per Statement presented this day		232,871 10 1	
			£763,899 2 11
Payments since 28th July, 1883			509,575 15 10
Balance on 22nd September, 1883 { viz: Cash Balance at Bank ...		£257,557 1 3	
Less Cheques not presented		3,233 14 2	
			£254,323 7 1

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance on 28th July, 1883	£1,065 8 3		
Receipts since that date	15,608 12 7		
		£16,674 — 10	
Payments since 28th July, 1883		19,125 7 4	
Balance *Overdrawn* on 22nd September, 1883			2,451 6 6
Total Cash Balances on 22nd September, 1833			£251,872 — 7

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 28th July, 1883.*		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 22nd September, 1883.*		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Working Accounts—							
General	...	47,669 11 6	50,972 10 11	30,946 6 6	...	67,695 15 11	...
Fire Brigade ...	3,793 14 10	...	532 12 11	14,942 17 6	18,203 19 5	...	74 4
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	873,392 6 6	61,187 2 2	109,215 2 —	...	825,364 6 8	...
Fire Brigade ...	21,708 5 1	...	...	10,704 2 10	32,412 7 11	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	69,484 16 11	...	...	22,731 5 11	92,216 2 10	...	10,464 8 —
Albert Embankment	65 14 —	...	...	11 4 6	76 18 6	...	...
Wapping and other Improvements	316 6 9	...	...	42 4 5	358 11 2	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	91 17 6	...	...	52 10 —	144 7 6	...	...
Sun Street Improvement	187 9 6	...	...	...	187 9 6	...	...
Metropolis Bridges (Act of 1881)	43,816 1 —	...	11 — —	15,687 3 11	59,492 4 11	...	33,383 13 —
Street Improvements (Act of 1877)	277,527 15 3	...	1 10 —	127,656 9 —	405,182 14 3	...	17,462 2 8
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	14,136 2 3	...	...	4,996 19 11	19,133 2 2	...	3,142 10 —
Thames Floods Prevention	3,304 19 11	...	...	2,324 — 7	5,629 — 6	...	...
Parks and Open Spaces	2,890 19 —	...	259 17 4	1,089 11 —	3,720 12 8	...	...
Miscellaneous—							
Firemen's Savings Fund	...	46 18 9	3 1 —	1 — 2	...	48 19 7	...
Consolidated Loans Fund	6,104 13 —	...	113,801 4 5	138,473 15 11	30,777 4 6	...	2,800 —
Dwelling House Improvement Fund ...	...	20,040 3 8	5,848 16 4	25,376 12 —	...	512 8 —	14,376 19 —
Metropolis Bridges (Act of 1877)	...	33,307 7 5	253 15 —	5,324 9 8	...	28,236 12 9	3,500 — —
	443,428 15 —	974,456 7 10	232,871 10 1	509,575 15 10	667,534 15 10	921,858 2 11	85,203 16 10
	£531,027 12 10				£254,323 7 1		

INVESTMENTS.

FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND ... ... £3,620 8 5 ... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED from 30th July to 22nd September, 1883—

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

Assessments—			
Chelsea	...£6,456 11 11		
Rotherhithe	... 2,570 12 2		
St. George, Hanover-square	...22,216 6 1		
		31,243 10 2	
Supplemental assessments, *re* Government property—			
Greenwich	... £239 6 6		
Mile-end	... 5 11 8		
		244 18 2	
Fees—			
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act) ...	... £10 - -		
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act) ...	... 273 17 -		
„ Gas-meter testing	... 287 19 -		
„ Petroleum licenses	... 30 - -		
„ Explosives Act	... 23 6 -		
		625 2 -	
Proceeds of sales of carcases—			
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act...		99 5 4	
Costs recovered—			
Re Loans	... £367 19 6		
„ Leases	... 290 4 6		
„ Building Act	... 4 3 -		
Law costs, &c.	... 2 4 6		
		664 11 6	
Re-fund of cost of chemicals, &c., supplied to gas-testing stations ...		68 - -	
Drain-junctions to main sewers...		17 2 5	
Plans, &c., sold		105 3 9	
Transfers—			
Sundry Accounts—			
Proportion of establishment charges for the half-year ended 30th June, 1883	£17,871 9 9		
Metropolis Bridges, 1877—			
Re-payment of advances	23 18 10		
Dwelling House Improvement Fund—			
Re-payment of advances	9 9 -		
		17,904 17 7	
			50,972 10 11

FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.

Contributions from Insurance companies		76 2 9	
Contributions from men towards rent		392 17 -	
Chimney-fire penalties		49 2 -	
Attendance at ex-metropolitan fires		13 12 7	
Return of unclaimed wages		- 18 7	
			532 12 11
Carried forward			£51,505 3 10

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		51,505 3 10
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
Further instalments, *re* loan of £1.250,000	61,049 2 2	
Transfer from *General Working Account* in repayment of advances ...	138 - -	
		61,187 2 2
STREET IMPROVEMENTS, 1877.		
Proportion of rates, *re* Nos. 3 and 4, Bell-court (Gray's-inn-road)		1 10 -
METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1881.		
Re-fund of cost of repairing damage by barges to Putney Bridge aqueduct... ...		- - -
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.		
Transfer from *General Working Account* in repayment of advances		259 17 4
FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND.		
Inland Revenue Commissioners—		
Return of Income-tax deducted from dividends in 1882		3 1 -
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
Rent	9,220 17 3	
Loans—		
Interest	£13,160 13 3	
Repayment	10,297 6 11	
	23,458 - 2	
Sales—		
Camberwell and Peckham	£5,733 - -	
Gray's-inn-road	2,150 17 -	
Jamaica-road	516 8 -	
Piccadilly	4 17 2	
Southwark-park (produce)	5 4 6	
	8,410 6 8	
Interest, *re* Sales (Camberwell)	12 15 6	
Proportion of Rates (Piccadilly)	28 15 2	
Deposit, *re* Rent (Piccadilly)	12 - -	
Thames Embankment and Metropolis Improvement Fund—		
Residue of coal and wine dues for the quarter ended 30th June, 1883 ...	72,658 9 8	
		113,801 4 5
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Rent	413 6 1	
Sales—		
Goulston-street	£21 15 6	
Wells-street, Poplar	371 9 3	
Whitecross-street	5,009 5 -	
	5,402 9 9	
Interest, *re* Sale (Whitecross-street)	13 15 6	
Re-fund of cost of repairing damage to shed (Goulston-street)	3 - -	
Sale of old stores (Goulston-street)	16 5 -	
		5,848 16 4
METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1877.		
Rent		253 15 -
		£232,871 10 1

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £174,548 12s. 1d. be paid.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Poplar District Board, asking for permission to borrow, and also asking the Board to lend, the sum of £3,000 towards defraying the cost of carrying out an Improvement at Old Ford-road, referred by the Board on the 27th July last (No. 62.) The District Board propose to make a direct road from Old Ford-road into Bow-road, and the Loan is required to enable them to purchase the requisite property and to form the new street; and this Board, having approved of the proposed works, and, on the 29th June last, agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of the same, your Committee recommend—

That the application of the Poplar District Board for permission to borrow a sum of £3,000 towards defraying the cost of an Improvement at Old Ford-road, be granted; that subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st January, April, July, and October, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October, within 15 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Managers of the Central London School District for a Loan of a sum of £6,500, referred by the Board on the 8th June last (No. 28). The advance is required towards defraying the cost of certain alterations and additions at the School at Hanwell, and your Committee, seeing no objection thereto, recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Managers of the Central London School District for a Loan of £6,500, towards the cost of certain alterations and additions at the School at Hanwell, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st January, April, July, and October, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October within 30 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

In accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 27th July last (No. 50), your Committee have considered the application of the Beckenham Local Board for an advance of a sum of £1,050 for sewerage works. This Board have power, under their Money Acts and the Beckenham Sewerage Act, 1873, to make the advance, and have on several previous occasions lent money to the Local Board, and their predecessors, for the execution of sewerage works. Your Committee, therefore, recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Beckenham Local Board for an advance of £1,050 for sewerage works be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board, under their Money Acts and the Beckenham Sewerage Act, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st January, April, July, and October, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October within 30 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have enquired as to the disposal of the Cheques drawn by the Board on the 10th August last (Nos. 7 and 10), for payment to Contractors, and for wages, compensation, and other purposes during the Recess, and they find that the Twenty-one Cheques for £2,205 8s. 6d., £2,065, £2,000, £6,112 16s., £345 14s. 3d., £1,731 12s., £1,984 18s., £500, £500, £300, £1,000, £2,000, £1,000, £1,000, £467 19s. 10d., £500, £900, £1,500, £1,500, £500, and £5,000, respectively drawn in favour of Contractors, have been paid away, and that the Cheques for £2,000, £1,000, £4,881 12s., £1,000, £1,000, £3,000, £500, and £500 are still in hand; and they therefore recommend—

That such of the said Cheques as may not be required before Friday next be cancelled.

With reference to the sums of £4,000, £4,000 and £2,000, respectively, for which Cheques were drawn on the General Working Account, the Fire Brigade Working Account, and the Street Improvements under the Act of 1877 Account, in favour of the Wages and Petty Disbursement Account, to meet payments during the Recess, your Committee have to report that the sum of £8,000 has been deducted from the Accounts now presented for payment, and that the Cheque for £2,000 not having been required, is still in hand, and your Committee recommend that it be cancelled.

Your Committee also recommend—

That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled viz.—

Fire Brigade Working Account.

No. 759.	1883. June 1st.	Hudson, W.	£74	4 2

Metropolis Bridges, 1881.

No. 363.	1883. May 11th.	Leach, W., J. H., and T.	£518	0 0
„ 364.	„ „ „	„	832	0 0
„ 365.	„ „ „	Klenck, J. M.	26	5 0

Street Improvements, 1877.

No. 5774.	1883. March 5th.	Harrigan, W.	£200	0 0
„ 5775.	„ „ „	Isaacs and Florence	7	7 0
„ 5921.	„ April 9th.	Collins, G.	1,000	0 0
„ 5922.	„ „ „	Haylock, D.	18	18 0
„ 6015.	„ May 7th	Thomas, D. C.	50	0 0
„ 6016.	„ „ „	Reid, R.	5	5 0
„ 6031.	„ „ „	Weatherall and Green	21	0 0
„ 6110.	„ June 4th	Havill, Mrs. E., and W.	50	0 0
„ 6143.	„ „ 11th	Bank of England, *re* Hawkins	120	0 0

Tooley Street Extension, 1882.

No. 1.	1883. May 11th.	Day, F., Noakes J. T. and W.	£450	0 0
„ 2	„ „ „	Elkington and Son	13	13 0

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4782.	1883. May 7th.	Burnell, G.	£10	0 0
„ 4785.	„ 11th „	Millet, H. S., and Swinburne, J.	250	0 0
„ 4786.	„ „ „	Bracebridge, E.	9	9 0
„ 4788.	„ „ „	Francis, T. W.	825	0 0
„ 4789.	„ „ „	Winstanley and Horwood	17	17 0

Your Committee have to report the decease of Mr. Monksfield, one of the Collectors of the Board's Weekly Rents. On the 10th August (No. 10) the Board were informed that Mr. Monksfield was seriously ill, and they authorised their Superintending Architect and their Accountant to make the best arrangements they could for the collection of the Rents during the Board's Recess. Your Accountant has reported to your Committee that Messrs. John Wood and John Harris have been employed jointly upon the collection, and are well qualified to continue the work, and that they might do it jointly, as at present, each of them furnishing security for the sum of £250. Your Committee being of opinion that the subject of the appointment, and the remuneration

to be paid for the work, should be dealt with by the whole Board in Committee, they recommend—

That the subject of the appointment of a successor to Mr. Monksfield be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, with a view to its being considered by the Sub-Committee on Officers.

Your Committee have to report that it has hitherto been the practice of the Local Government Board to fix the period within which the re-payment of Loans to Guardians and other public bodies should be re-paid, but the Local Government Board have recently intimated that, under the Statute, their approval of the term of years for the re-payment of Loans obtained from this Board is not required, and that consequently they will be only prepared to give an opinion upon the point in any case in which it may be desired. Your Committee, considering it necessary that they should be advised as to the period which should be allowed for re-payment of such Loans, recommend—

That the applications for the same be referred to the Board's Officers to report thereon to the Committee, as is now done with applications from Vestries and District Boards.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN TOLHURST,
DONALD MUNRO,
THOS. J. WHITE,
W. H. DALTON.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d
THAMES CONSERVANCY—(2025)—			
2785	One-year's rent of jetties at Crossness, and of storm outlet of Effra sewer, due Michaelmas, 1883	21 – –	
HARDCASTLE, J.—(2024)—			
2786	Rent of storage-yard, Plumstead-common, 13 weeks, to Michaelmas, 1883	2 5 6	
BURTON, D., Executors of, per Hopkinson and Co.—(2022)—			
2787	One-quarter's rent of offices, Nos. 10, 12 and 14, Spring-gardens, due Michaelmas, 1883	175 – –	
SLOPER, J.—(2020)—			
2788	Perforating postage-stamps, January to June, 1883	2 6 6	
COMPENSATION AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES to late Officers, quarter to Michaelmas, 1883—(2028)—			
2789	Benson, W.	£22 10 –	
2790	Holland, T.	16 17 6	
2791	Tayler, W.	25 – –	
2792	Cooper, E.	100 – –	
2793	Greensill, F.	13 13 –	
2794	Rumble, R. A.	33 15 –	
2795	Gibson, T.	46 13 4	
2796	Lovegrove, J.	18 4 2	
2797	Pikesley, J.	5 16 8	
2798	Napier, H. W.	13 15 –	
			296 4 8
	Carried forward		£496 16 8 ...

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	496 16 8	...
KENNEDY, T.—(2029)—			
2799	One-month's retiring allowance, due 26th September, 1883 ...	8 17 9	
BANK OF ENGLAND—(2033)—			
2800	Half-year's interest (less tax) on balance of loan of £100,000, due 6th October, 1883	954 13 9	
GREEN, HOLLAND AND SONS—(2055)—			
2801	Coals for Deptford pumping-station, July, 1883	183 15 –	
MATHER AND PLATT—(2056)—			
2802	Further on account of contract for new pistons to cylinders of engines at Abbey Mills pumping-station (No. 635)	292 – –	
			1,936 3 2

FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.

RENTS OF STATIONS, Escape Standings, &c., due Michaelmas, 1883—(2018)—			
937	Dobrée, Mrs. C.	£10 – –	
938	Dethridge, F.	25 – –	
939	Clarke, D.	10 – –	
940	Meakin, W. F.	7 – –	
941	Crace, J. D.	15 – –	
942	Insley, Rev. W. P.	3 15 –	
943	Thynne and Thynne	7 10 –	
944	East and West India Dock Company	10 – –	
945	Goldsmiths' Company	112 3 4	
946	Jenkins and Abbott	6 17 6	
947	Delevante, G. T.	7 10 –	
948	Lewisham Parochial Charities Trustees	5 – –	
949	Berry, T.	12 10 –	
950	Bailey, R.	15 – –	
951	Peart, Mrs. H.	15 – –	
952	Manning, C. J.	12 10 –	
953	Starnes, J. S.	20 – –	
954	Hoare and Co.	8 – –	
955	Tweedie, A. F. and R. W.	4 10 –	
956	Barclay and Co.	26 5 –	
957	Holmes, E. C., and Son	8 10 –	
958	Thames Conservancy	3 2 –	
959	Union Assurance Office	15 – –	
960	Whitbread and Co.	22 10	
961	Browne and Rooke	10 – –	
962	Wandsworth District Board of Works	7 10 –	
963	Williams, James and Wason	6 5 –	
964	Enkel, R. A.	15 – –	
965	Covington, Rev. W.	7 10 –	
966	Lee and Pemberton	11 5 –	
967	Barnes, G.	3 5 –	
968	Outhwaite, J.	41 5 –	
969	Ratcliff, H.	2 12 –	
970	Fielder, J. H.	5 – –	
971	Shadwell Estate Agency	20 – –	
972	Heath, W. C.	10 16 –	
			523 10
NEW RIVER CO.—(2034)—			
973	Two-quarters' water-rent for Watling-street station, to Midsummer. 1883	8 17 –	
COMPENSATION AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES, quarter to Michaelmas, 1883—(2030)—			
974	Morris, G.	£10 – –	
975	Holloway, W.	7 10 –	
976	Cooper, G.	5 – –	
977	Flinn, W.	27 3 10	
978	Gerrard, G.	27 3 10	
	Carried forward	£76 17 8	531 17 10	1,936 3 2

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	531 17 10	1,936 3 2
Compensation Allowances, &c.—(*continued*)	£76 17 8		
979 Smart, W. T.	36 8 –		
980 Piggott, W.	27 3 10		
981 Barton, J.	26 2 2		
982 Bridgman, J.	9 15 –		
983 Bridge, J.	27 3 10		
984 Nisbett, H.	13 – –		
985 Robbins, G.	24 9 8		
986 Johnson, A.	24 9 8		
987 Brown, W. C.	14 16 10		
988 Wood, S. J.	14 16 10		
989 Clarke, W. F.	9 15 –		
990 Bull, G.	19 10 –		
991 Holmden, A.	33 8 2		
992 Helps, S.	13 16 3		
993 Mason, J	13 13 –		
994 Brundell, W.	21 3 7		
995 McNutt, F. W.	13 – –		
		419 9 6	
			951 7 4

METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1877.

Pensions of Officers, &c., of Bridge Companies, Half-year to 5th October, 1883—(2031)—

497 Clarke, W. C.	£200 5 1	
498 Dunman, G.	39 19 8	
499 Oclee, G.	25 8 –	
500 Dunman, J.	20 12 9	
501 Mead, D.	17 16 5	
502 McGill, J.	13 14 1	
503 Prichard, F. W.	12 9 2	
504 Ventum, G.	10 16 8	
505 Wiley, W.	8 2 6	
	349 4 4	
Webster, W.—(2060)—		
506 Further on account of contract for protecting piers of Waterloo Bridge (No. 587)	1,800 – –	
		2,149 4 4

METROPOLIS BRIDGES, 1881.

Waddell, J.—(2061)—

507 Further on account of contract for construction of new bridge at Putney (No. 597) 4,880 9 5

CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.

Harrild, H.—(2023)—

927 One-quarter's rent of No. 27½, Farringdon-street, due Michaelmas, 1883 ... ... 16 5

Bank of England—(2032)—

928 One-quarter's dividend on £3½ per cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, due 5th October, 1883 ... ... 148,612 17 –

148,629 2 –

DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mowlem, J , and Co.—(2057 & 2058)—

4956 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Coleman-street, &c., St. Luke's (No. 632) 205 11 3

4957 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Old Pye-street, Westminster (No. 633) ... ... 295 7 –

Griffiths, J. J.—(2059)—

4958 On account of contract for paving and other works at Middlesex-street, &c., Whitechapel (No. 656) ... ... 2,830 10 –

3,331 8 3

Carried forward £161,877 14 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	161,877 14 6

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

STREET BROTHERS—(2019)—

1266 Advertisements, April, 1883—

General Working Account	55 11 9	
Parks and Open Spaces	10 18 6	
Consolidated Loans Fund	90 9 –	
		156 19 3

WOOD, J., AND HARRIS, J.—(2021)—

1267 Commission on weekly rents collected by them from 15th to 31st August, 1883—

Consolidated Loans Fund	19 17 1	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	2 2 2	
		21 19 3

BANK OF ENGLAND—(2026)—

1268 *General Working Account*—

Half-year's interest (less tax) on balance of loan of £144,000, due 1st October, 1883	1,480 10 –	
Consolidated Loans Fund—		
Sixteenth Instalment in re-payment	4,800 – –	
		6,280 10 –

TRANSFER TO WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—(2027)—

Repayment of advances—

1269 Weekly wages, seven weeks to 19th September, 1883—

General Working Account	£5,832 8 11		
General Capital Account	18 18 –		
Fire Brigade Working Account	14 4 6		
Fire Brigade Capital Account	108 10 –		
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	385 14		
Metropolis Bridges, 1877	99 15 –		
Metropolis Bridges, 1881	81 14 –		
Street Improvements, 1877	68 16 10		
Thames Floods Prevention	173 3 3		
Parks and Open Spaces...	22 1 –		
Consolidated Loans Fund	91 5 –		
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	247 8 –		
	7,143 18 6		
Less Cheque, drawn on *General Working Account*, 10th August, 1883	4,000 – –		
		3,143 18 6	

Firemen's wages, seven weeks to 22nd September, 1883—

Fire Brigade Working Account	£6,934 13 8		
Less Cheque drawn, 10th August, 1883 ...	4,000 – –		
		2,934 13 8	
		6,078 12 2	

Amounts to be paid through the account—

Water Rates—

a General Working Account	£1 8 6		
Rates and Taxes—			
b General Working Account	38 14 4		
c Fire Brigade Working Account	91 – 10		
d Metropolis Bridges, 1877	1 5 9		
e Dwelling House Improvement Fund	– 7 6		
		132 16 11	
			6,211 9 1
			£174,548 12 1

Certified,
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(*signed*) JOHN TOLHURST,
W. H. DALTON,
E. DRESSER ROGERS,
DONALD MUNRO,
THOS. J. WHITE,
W. URQUHART.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £174,548 12s. 1d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Poplar District Board, for permission to borrow a sum of £3,000 towards defraying the cost of an Improvement at Old Ford-road be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st January, the 1st April, the 1st July, and the 1st October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October within a period of Fifteen years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Managers of the Central London School District for a Loan of a sum of £6,500, towards defraying the cost of certain alterations and additions at the School at Hanwell, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st January, the 1st April, the 1st July, and the 1st October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October within a period of Thirty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Beckenham Local Board for an advance of a sum of £1,050 to defray the cost of sewerage works, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board, under their Money Acts and the Beckenham Sewerage Act, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon, at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st January, the 1st April, the 1st July, and the 1st October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October within a period of Thirty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

Mr. Tolhurst stated, with reference to two Cheques for £4,881 12s. and £500, referred to in the Report of the Committee, that since the Committee met those Cheques had been paid to the persons in whose favour they were drawn.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the several Cheques for £2,000, £1,000, £1,000, £1,000, £3,000, and £500, drawn for meeting payments during the Recess, be now cancelled.

The said Cheques were then cancelled accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Cheque for £2,000, drawn on the 10th August last, on the Street Improvements, 1877, Account, in favour of the Wages and Petty Disbursement Account, to meet payments during the Recess, and which is still in hand, be now cancelled; and the said Cheque was cancelled accordingly.

Mr. Tolhurst stated that since the meeting of the Committee the Cheque No. 6031,

drawn on the Street Improvements, 1877, Account, for £21, in favour of Messrs. Weatherall and Green, had been paid away.

It was **moved** by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and **resolved**—That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be now cancelled, viz.—

Fire Brigade Working Account.

No. 759.	1883.	June 1st.	Hudson, W.	£74 4 2

Metropolis Bridges, 1881.

No. 363.	1883.	May 11th.	Leach, W., J. H., and T. T. ...	£518 0 0
,, 364.	,,	,, ,,	,, ,, ...	832 0 0
,, 365.	,,	,, ,,	Klenck, J. M.	26 5 0

Street Improvements, 1877.

No. 5774.	1883.	March 5th.	Harrigan, W.	£200 0 0
,, 5775.	,,	,, ,,	Isaacs and Florence ...	7 7 0
,, 5921.	,,	April 9th.	Collins, G....	1,000 0 0
,, 5922.	,,	,, ,,	Haylock, D.	18 18 0
,, 6015.	,,	May 7th.	Thomas, D. C.	50 0 0
,, 6016.	,,	,, ,,	Reid, R.	5 5 0
,, 6110.	,,	June 4th.	Havill, Mrs. E. and W. ...	50 0 0
,, 6143.	,,	,, 11th.	Bank of England, *re* Hawkins	120 0 0

Tooley-street Extension, 1882.

No. 1.	1883.	May 11th.	Day, F., Noakes J. T. and W....	£450 0 0
,, 2.	,,	,, ,,	Elkington and Son	13 13 0

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4782.	1883.	May 7th.	Burnell, G.	£10 0 0
,, 4785.	,,	,, 11th.	Millet, H. S., and Swinburne, J.	250 0 0
,, 4786.	,,	,, ,,	Bracebridge, E. L.	9 9 0
,, 4788.	,,	,, ,,	Francis, T. W.	825 0 0
,, 4789.	,,	,, ,,	Winstanley and Horwood ...	17 17 0

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and **resolved**—That the subject of the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. Monksfield, the Board's Collector of Weekly rents, be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

It was **moved** by Mr. Tolhurst, and seconded—That, with a view to the Committee being advised as to the period which should be allowed for re-payment of Loans to Boards of Guardians and other public bodies, the applications for the same do stand referred to the Board's Officers to report thereon to the Committee.

An **amendment** thereon was **moved** by Mr. Munro, and seconded—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The **amendment** having been put to the vote, it was declared to be carried; and having been put as an **original motion**, it was also carried; and it was **resolved** accordingly.

12. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 7th August, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications

relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz.—

Date	Application.
16th November, 1882.	Fulham District Board, for the re-numbering of the houses in various streets at Hammersmith.
6th December, 1882.	Mr. R. Humphreys, for the re-naming of Stanley-park-road, Fulham, and the re-numbering of the houses therein.
8th February, 1883.	Vestry of Shoreditch, for the re-numbering of the houses in Pownall-road.
7th March, 1883.	Poplar District Board, for the re-numbering of the houses in Parnell-road, and Lefevre-road, Bow.
8th March, 1883.	Mr. H. P. Hood, for the re-naming of Stafford-place South, Buckingham-gate.
22nd March, 1883.	Vestry of Newington, for the re-numbering of the houses in County-terrace-street.

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That the subsidiary names in Becklow-road, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Cobbold-road, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Gayford-road, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Clifton-road, Bradmore, Hammersmith, be re-named "Galena-road, W.," the subsidiary name abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Stanley-park-road, Fulham, be re-named "Cambria-street, S.W.," the subsidiary name abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Pownall-road, Shoreditch, be re-numbered where necessary.

That the houses in Parnell-road, Bow, be re-numbered where necessary.

That the houses in Lefevre-road, Bow, be re-numbered where necessary.

That Stafford-place South, Catherine-street, and Catherine-place, Buckingham-gate, be incorporated under the name "Catherine-street, S.W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary name in County-terrace-street, Newington, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
DONALD MUNRO,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Becklow-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,152, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 89, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 44, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the names Becklow-villas,

Windsor Castle-cottages, Avoneitha-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Becklow-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Becklow-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Cobbold-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,153, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 87, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 82, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the names Edith-villas, Vine-villas, Gayton-terrace, Porchester-villas, Catherington-villas, Blendworth-villas, Percy-villas, Beechgrove-villas, Spring-vale-villas, Myrtle-cottages, Springfield-villas, Linden-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Cobbold-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Cobbold-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Gayford-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,154, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 95, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 106, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the names Albert-cottages, Rose-cottages, Myrtle-villas, St. Edan's-terrace, Caroline-villas, Buckingham-villas, Cambridge-terrace, Hawthorn-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Gayford-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Gayford-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Clifton-road and Clifton-place, Bradmore, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,155, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd

numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 17, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 34, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the names Clifton-road, Clifton-place, Clifton-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Clifton-road and Clifton-place, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Galena-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Stanley-park-road, in the Parish of Fulham, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,156, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 19, being assigned to the houses on the North-Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 10, to those on the South-Western side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest King's-road; that the names Stanley-park-road, Cambrian-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Stanley-park-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Cambria-street, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, certain houses and premises on the Southern side of the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Pownall-road, in the Parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with even numbers, commencing with 44 and ending with 140, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,157, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; that the name Pownall-terrace and certain existing numbers on the Southern side be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Pownall-road, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Shoreditch, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises on the Eastern side of the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Parnell-road, in the Parish of St. Mary, Stratford-le-Bow, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 180, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,158, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Argyle-terrace and Summers-terrace, and the existing numbers, on the Eastern side, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Parnell-

road, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises on the Western side, and certain houses and premises on the Eastern side of the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Lefevre-road, in the Parish of St. Mary, Stratford-le-Bow, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,159, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 137, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 88 and ending with 132, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Rousens-terrace and Portland-terrace, and certain existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Lefevre-road, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Stafford-place South, Catherine-place, and Catherine-street, in the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,160, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 69, being assigned to the houses on the Western and Northern sides; and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 48, to those on the Eastern and Southern sides; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Palace-street; that the names Stafford-place South and Catherine-place, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Catherine-street, S.W.;" and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Westminster District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 7th day of August, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of County-terrace-street, in the Parish of St. Mary, Newington, in the County of Surrey, be marked with consecutive numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 34, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,161, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Macdonald's-buildings, and any other name or names now in use in County-terrace-street and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "County-terrace-street, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the

Vestry of Newington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

13. Read a Report, as follows—

Spring-gardens,
28th September, 1883.

In accordance with the instructions of the Board of the 10th August last (No. 16), the following Notice, which was prepared by the Solicitor, was posted on Peckham-rye.

(Signed) J. E. WAKEFIELD,
Clerk of the Board.

Copy Notice.

PECKHAM RYE—PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The Metropolitan Board of Works hereby give Notice that no proceedings will be taken against any persons who may hold any Meeting within fifty yards of this board.

By Order,
(Signed) J. E. WAKEFIELD,
Clerk of the Board.

Spring-gardens, S.W.,
10th August, 1883.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

14. Read a Report, as follows—

Spring-gardens, 28th September, 1883.

I present copies of the following Annual Reports of Vestries and District Boards, for the year 1881-2, sent to the Board's Office, pursuant to the 198th Section of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, which had not been received at the date of my last Report—

Camberwell Vestry,
Lambeth Vestry,
Lewisham District Board,
Newington Vestry,
Paddington Vestry,
Plumstead District Board,
Rotherhithe Vestry,
St. Pancras Vestry,
Shoreditch Vestry,
Strand District Board,
Westminster District Board.

All the Reports for the year 1881-2 have now been received.

(Signed) J. E. WAKEFIELD,
Clerk of the Board.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

15. The Board considered further the Report of the Solicitor, presented on 10th August last (No. 50), stating that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £15,000 to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, and suggesting that the Board should pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same, and also a Cheque for £18 15s., for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage Deed.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry under the first mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of Fifteen thousand pounds, for the purpose of defraying the expense incurred, or to be incurred, by the said Vestry in executing certain new granite-paving works in Bishop's-road,

Brady-street, Winchester-street, Old Bethnal-green-road, Globe-road, Victoria-park-square, and Old Ford-road, within the said Parish. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of Fifteen thousand pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of Fifteen thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by equal annual instalments, within Twenty years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It] was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £15,000 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Bethnal-green, and a Cheque for £18 15s., for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage Deed; and Cheques were drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund and the General Working Account accordingly.

16. This being the day appointed for considering the application of Mr. J. Utz, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle, at No. 212, St. Leonard's-road, Bromley-by-Bow,

Proclamation was made, but no person appeared to object to the application.

Mr. Ingoldby, in the absence of Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 31st July, 1883.

Your Committee have had under consideration a further application from Mr. John Utz, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle, at premises at the rear of No. 212, St. Leonard's-road, Bromley-by-Bow. The premises consist of a yard, completely enclosed by high walls, and with a separate entrance, through a gateway, from Zetland-street, and in the centre of the yard, and at a distance of upwards of 20 feet from any of the surrounding buildings, the applicant proposes to erect the Slaughterhouse and Pound. On the recommendation of your Committee, the Board, on the 27th October last (No. 11), refused to sanction the erection of a Slaughterhouse on the site, but your Committee on recently visiting the premises, found that the erection of the wall referred to obviated the objection which they formerly had to the application, as the wall is sufficiently high to shut off completely the Slaughterhouse and its adjuncts from the surrounding houses. Your Committee recommend that the application be granted, on condition that, before the formal sanction of the Board be given under Seal, the buildings, and other works, be constructed in accordance with the Plans accompanying the application, and with the Bye-laws and Conditions of the Board as to Slaughterhouses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FRED$^{K.}$ INGOLDBY,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
JNO. ABBOTT,
G. B. RICHARDSON.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded by Mr. Dalton, and resolved—That the application of Mr. John Utz, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle at No. 212, St. Leonard's-road, Bromley-by-Bow, be granted, on condition that, before the formal sanction of the Board be given under Seal, the buildings

and other works be constructed in accordance with the Plans accompanying the application, and with the Bye-laws and conditions as to Slaughterhouses.

17. The Solicitor reported that the Board's Money Bill had received the Royal Assent, and he presented a copy of the Act.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Act be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration.

18. The Solicitor reported that the Metropolitan Board of Works (District Railway Ventilators) Act, 1883, had received the Royal Assent, but that he had not yet been able to obtain a copy of the Act.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That copies of the Act be obtained and sent to the Members of the Board.

19. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act (1877) Amendment Act, 1883, which received the Royal Assent last Session.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Act be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, and that a copy thereof be sent to each Member of the Board.

20. The Solicitor reported that Mr. Aldermau Lawrence had given notice for next Session of a motion on the subject of approaches to the new Law Courts.

21. The Solicitor reported that Mr. J. Talbot, M.P., had, on the 16th ultimo, asked a question in the House of Commons, relative to the ventilation of Sewers in London, to which the President of the Board of Trade had replied.

22. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Acts relating to the Tench-street, St. George-in-the-East; Brook-street, Limehouse; Windmill-row, New-cut, Lambeth; and Trafalgar-road, Greenwich, Schemes under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts. and stated that the Board had already referred the Acts to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration.

23. The Solicitor presented a copy of the undermentioned Acts—

Diseases Prevention (Metropolis) Act, 1883.

East London Railway Act, 1883.

Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1883.

Lands Clauses (Umpire) Act, 1883.

Lambeth Waterworks Act, 1883.

Metropolitan Railway Act, 1883.

North-London Railway Act, 1883.

Thames Act, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a copy of the Lands Clauses (Umpire) Act, 1883, be sent to each Member of the Board; that the North London Railway Act, 1883, be referred to the Engineer, and that the Solicitor be authorised to send to each Member of the Board a copy of such of the Acts passed last Session as relate to the Board, as he may consider desirable.

24. The Solicitor reported with respect to any Bill to be presented by the Board next session, that a Gazette notice would have to be inserted in the newspapers on or about the 12th of November next; and that in cases where any property was proposed to be taken, Plans of such property and Books of Reference containing the names of all owners, lessees, and occupiers would have to be deposited on or before the 30th November, and that the Gazette notice must describe accurately the limits of the Improvement in respect of which property was proposed to be taken, and the provisions which were intended to be inserted in the Bill.

25. The Solicitor reported that notice of any new Schemes under the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Acts would have to be given during three consecutive weeks in the month of November next, but that the Improvement Schemes, with Plans and Estimates, must be deposited at the Home Office before the insertion of the first Notice, and that practically as to those Schemes the Plans and Books of Reference must be completed by the end of the second week of November, or nearly three weeks before such Plans would be deposited if they related to Street Improvements.

26. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Report, and of the evidence taken before the Select Committee of the House of Lords, on the Petroleum Bill, and stated that copies thereof had been forwarded to the Members of the Board.

27. The Solicitor reported that in the case of Verrall *v.* the Board, with reference to a liability for damage to No. 189, Church-street, Deptford, that Messrs. Pearson and Son, the Board's Contractors, had informed him that the claim was now settled. The Solicitor presented the notice of action, and stated that the Board need not take any further step in the matter.

28. The Solicitor reported that the special case of the Board *v.* Pritchard, which would raise the question of the application of the Bye-laws with reference to the game of cricket on Hampstead-heath, had been approved by the Hampstead Justices, and had been set down for argument in the High Court of Justice.

29. The Solicitor presented two Notices to treat which had been served upon the Board by the London School Board, with respect to property in Tollington-park and Medburn-street, and he suggested that the Board should refer the Notices to the Works, &c., Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notices be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

30. The Solicitor stated, with respect to the Board's Resolution of 3rd August last (No. 8), authorising him to exercise his discretion in taking legal proceedings in the case of Meetings which might be held during the Recess in the Board's Parks, &c., that as the matter would be under consideration with reference to a Letter addressed by the Home Secretary of State to the Chairman of the Board, he (the Solicitor) proposed to report to the Committee, to which that Letter would be referred, what had transpired since the last Meeting of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the course proposed to be taken by the Solicitor be approved.

31. The Solicitor presented a Notice of Action which had been served upon the Board by Mr. Arnold, of No. 122, Sumner-road, Peckham, in respect of injuries received by him and his daughter by a collision with a Fire Engine.

It was moved by Mr. Turner, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

32. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Three Conveyances to Mr. S. Toye, forming blocks A B and C of Plot A in Clerkenwell-road, upon which dwellings for Artizans, &c., have been erected (Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement).

Agreement, in triplicate, between the Trustees of the Will of the late Mr. D. Mitchell, Mr. W. Holliday, and the Board, for apportionment of rent in respect of No. 1, Borrodaile-road, Wandsworth (Putney to Clapham Sewer).

License, in duplicate, to Mr. T. R. Tester, to use and maintain two openings and gateways from Nos. 1 and 2, Forest-dale, Culverdon-road, Bedford-hill, on to Tooting-beck-common.

Conveyance to Mr. F. J. Upton, of No. 283, Camberwell-road (Lot 1), sold by auction at the Mart on the 26th July last (Camberwell and Peckham Improvement).

Conveyance to Mr. I. Dunn, of Nos. 57, 59, and 61, High-street, Peckham, (Lots 2, 3, and 4), sold by auction at the Mart on the 26th July last (Camberwell and Peckham Improvement).

Conveyance to Mr. E. Toplis of land at the rear of Nos. 143 and 144, Whitechapel High-street (Goulston-street Scheme, under the Artizans' &c., Dwellings Act).

Conveyance to the Vestry of St. Luke of land on the South side of Warwick-place, St. Luke (Whitecross-street Scheme, under the Artizans' &c., Dwellings Act).

Three Leases to Mr. E. Gates, of part of Plot No. 42, in Great Eastern-street (Old-street to Shoreditch Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

33. The Solicitor presented a Letter from Mr. Ellen, Assistant in the Conveyancing Department, dated 26th September, 1883, requesting permission to leave the Board's service in order to enter into a partnership.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the resignation be accepted, and that it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to consider and report as to filling the vacancy.

34. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements for the undermentioned Loans had been completed, and that the Cheques had been duly handed over in exchange for the securities—

	AMOUNT OF LOAN.
St. Martin-in-the-Fields Vestry	£14,200 0 0
Plumstead District Board	6,700 0 0
Lambeth Vestry...	9,000 0 0
Do. do.	5,800 0 0
Kensington Vestry	12,000 0 0
Do. do.	5,000 0 0
Do. do. (first instalment, £5,000) ...	10,000 0 0
Lewisham Guardians	10,000 0 0
Lambeth Guardians	25,000 0 0
Holborn Guardians	2,600 0 0

35. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £4,500 to the Fulham District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorising the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw Cheques for £2,000 and £2,500.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas, the Board of Works for the Fulham District, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some, or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the said District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said District Board, under the first-mentioned Act within the said District, of a sum of Four thousand five hundred pounds, for the purposes following, that is to say—Two thousand pounds for defraying part of the expense incurred by the District Board in executing certain street Improvements in Albion-road East, Ann's-terrace, Blythe-lane, Creek-bridge, Crown-road, High-street

Fulham, and King-street West, within the said District, and Two thousand five hundred pounds for defraying the expense of executing certain wood-paving works at the West end of King-street in the said District. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of Four thousand five hundred pounds should be borrowed by the said District Board for the purposes aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given to the borrowing by the said District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of the said sums of Two thousand pounds and Two thousand five hundred pounds for the purposes aforesaid, such Loans to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid as follows, that is to say, as to the said sum of Two thousand pounds by annual instalments of as nearly equal amount as may be within a period of Thirty years, and as to the said sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds by annual instalments of as nearly equal amount as may be within a period of Six years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That Cheques for the sums of £2,000 and £2,500 be now drawn in favour of the Fulham District Board; and Cheques were drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

36. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £1,200 to the Vestry of St. Pancras, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of the Parish of St. Pancras, in the County of Middlesex, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management, Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry under the first-mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of One thousand two hundred pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred by the said Vestry in widening and improving Angler's-lane, in the said Parish. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of One thousand two hundred pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of One thousand two hundred pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by equal annual instalments within a period of Thirty years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £1,200 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of St. Pancras; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

37. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the periods for the re-payment of the undermentioned Loans, viz.—

	Amount of Loan.
St. Pancras Guardians	£10,000 0 0
Hampstead Guardians	3,000 0 0
St. George, Hanover-square, Commissioners of Baths, &c. ...	5,000 0 0

and he suggested that the Board should now draw Cheques for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That Cheques for the sums of £10,000, £3,000, and £5,000 respectively, be now drawn in favour of the Guardians of the Poor of the Parishes of St. Pancras and Hampstead and the Commissioners of Baths and Wash-houses for the Parish of St. George, Hanover-square; and Cheques were drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

38. The Solicitor reported that the second instalment of the Loan of £10,000 to the Vestry of Kensington would become due on the 1st October next, and he suggested that the Board might deem it desirable to draw a Cheque for £5,000, in order that the advance might be made.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £5,000 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Kensington; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

39. The Solicitor stated that, during the Recess, the Seal of the Board had been affixed to the under-mentioned documents, viz.—

Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement.—Conveyance to the Board by Mr. W. F. Spencer and others of No. 49, Wardour-street, and a Memorial for registration.

Goulston-street Scheme.—Conveyance to the Board by Mr. F. W. H. Myers of Nos. 10, 11 and 14, New-court, Whitechapel, and a piece of land adjoining, and a Memorial for registration.

Newport Market.—Conveyance to the Board by the Trustees of the Rev. W. Tylden of Nos. 13 and 14, Litchfield-street, Soho, and a Memorial for registration.

Piccadilly to Oxford-street Improvement.—Conveyance to the Board by Mr. J. Baker and others (Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers) of No. 27, Grafton-street, Soho, and a Memorial for registration.

Marylebone Theatre.—Notice, in duplicate, to the Owner to remedy structural defects.

Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement.—Contract between Messrs. Yardley and Co. and the Board for the sale and purchase of No. 7, Vine-street, St. George, Bloomsbury.

Gaiety Theatre.—Notice, in duplicate, to the Owner as to fastenings and Notices to be placed on exit doors.

Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement.—Conveyance to the Board by Mr. F. H. N. Glossop, and his Mortgagees of Nos. 67 and 68, King-street, Soho, and a Memorial for registration.

Piccadilly to Oxford-street Improvement.—Conveyance to the Board by Mr. J. F. Keene, of No. 26, Grafton-street, Soho, and a Memorial for registration.

Piccadilly to Oxford-street Improvement.—Conveyance to the Board by Mr. J. C. Aukland of No. 17, King-street, Soho, and a Memorial for registration.

Gray's-inn-road Improvement.—Conveyance to the Board by Messrs. Meux and Co. of "The Goat" Public-house, No. 41, Verulam-street, Holborn, and a Memorial for registration.

Crossness Pumping Station.—Contract with Messrs. James Watt and Co. for the supply of six Boilers.

Battersea Fire Station.—Contract with Mr. William Oldrey for the execution of repairs, &c.

Goulston-street Scheme.—Agreement, in triplicate, between Mr. George Burnell and others and the Board, for apportionment of rent in respect of premises, forming part of the Whitechapel Baths and Wash-houses, in Goulston-square.

Gray's-inn-road Improvement.—Agreement, in duplicate, between Mr. R. Jackson and others and the Board, for apportionment of rent in respect of the premises, Nos. 1, 2, 43, 44 and 45, Verulam-street.

Goulston-street Scheme.—Agreement for sale, by the Board to Mr. Toplis, of a piece of surplus land situate in Whitechapel High-street.

Kentish-town-road Improvement.—Agreement by the Board with the Rev. A. E. Whish, for a Lease of Plots 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Gray's-inn-road.—Contract with Mr. J. J. Griffiths for the execution of paving and other works.

Dalston-lane, &c., Plots.—Contract with Mr. Richard Knight for the erection of railing and fencing.

Fire Brigade.—Contract with Messrs. J. Compton and Sons for the supply of Clothing.

Fire Brigade.—Contract with Messrs. W. Nichols and Son for the supply of Boots.

Church-street, Camberwell.—Three Leases to Messrs. R. and H. Pickersgill of part of Plots 62 and 63, part of Plot No. 63, and part of Plot No. 64.

Goulston-street Scheme.—*Re* Hawksworth's Executors. A Deed Poll, for vesting in the Board, Nos. 19 and 20, Flower and Dean-street; Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9, Upper Keate-street; Nos. 10, 11, 12, and 13, Lower Keate-street; and Nos. 1, 2, and 3, George-street, Christchurch, Spitalfields, and a Memorial for registration.

High-street, Peckham.—Three Leases to Messrs. Bird and Ponder of part of Plots Nos. 17 and 18, part of Plots Nos. 18 and 19, and part of Plots Nos. 19 and 20.

Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement.—Conveyance to the Board by Mr. P. Murray, of Leasehold premises in White Lion-court and Great White Lion-street, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and a Memorial for registration.

Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement.—Conveyance to the Board by Mrs. B. M. M. Hayward, of No. 40, Wardour-street, and a Memorial for registration.

Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement.—Contract by the Board with Messrs. Tanqueray and Co., for mutual sales in respect of land in Vine-street and Thorney-street, Bloomsbury.

Whitecross-street Scheme.—Conveyance by the Board to Mr. W. Whetherly, of the "Green Man and Still" Public-house, and Nos. 172 and 174, Whitecross-street, and a Plot of land adjoining.

40. Read a Report, as follows—

28th September, 1883.

Wimbledon Local Board (Beverley-brook).

I think I should report to the Board that notice has been given of an inquiry to be made by an Inspector appointed by the Local Government Board with reference apparently to a proposal for the execution of certain drainage works at Wimbledon, which might possibly affect the Beverley-brook within the limits of the Metropolis, where it is vested in the Board.

Mr. Taylor, the Local Government Board Inspector, held a meeting on the 21st August last, which was, however, adjourned until Tuesday next, the 2nd October, and Mr. Wakefield has sent me certain correspondence with the Wandsworth District

Board, from which it would seem that that Board is very desirous that this Board should be present at the adjourned inquiry, although there may be some question as to the *locus standi* of the Board with reference to works outside the Metropolis. If the Board so desire I will direct a gentleman from my department to watch the proceedings, and possibly the Board may wish Sir Joseph Bazalgette to send some one who would be able to give information with reference to any engineering questions which may arise.

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Meaden, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that the Engineer and the Solicitor be instructed accordingly.

41. The Solicitor presented the undermentioned Deeds of Conveyance for sealing, being the Conveyances of Lots in the line of the Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement, which were sold by Auction at the Mart on the 27th July last—

Conveyance (Lot 1) to Mr. F. M. Russell, of land on the South side of Theobald's-road, and a messuage known as No. 9, Duke-street.

Conveyance (Lot 2) to Mr. A. Gabriel, of land on the South side of Theobald's-road, having an area of 1,040 square feet.

Conveyance (Lot 4) to Mr. S. H. Beddington, of land on the North side of Clerkenwell-road, having an area of 6,152 square feet, and a messuage known as Nos. 4 and 5, Eyre-street-hill.

Conveyance (Lot 5) to Messrs. M. and N. Salaman, of land at the corner of Clerkenwell-road and Back-hill, having an area of 2,050 square feet, and a messuage known as Nos. 18 and 19, Back-hill.

Conveyance (Lot 7) to Messrs. Wigram and Heathcote (Messrs. Reid and Co.) of land on the South side of Clerkenwell-road, having an area of 2,822 feet, and a frontage to Clerkenwell-road, Hatton-wall, and Great Saffron-hill.

Conveyance (Lot 8) to Mr. B. J. Bridgewater (purchaser from Messrs. M. and N. Salaman) of land on the South side of Clerkenwell-road, having an area of 3,968 square feet, and frontages to Clerkenwell-road and Great Saffron-hill.

Conveyances (Lots 22 and 23) to Mr. C. Bryant of land (Lot 22) on the South side of Clerkenwell-road, having an area of 4,142 square feet (Lot 23), and of land on the West side of St. John-street, having an area of 7,976 square feet, and frontages to St. John's-street and St. John's-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Deeds of Conveyance respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

42. The Solicitor reported that the undermentioned Deeds of Conveyance of land in the line of the Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement were not yet ready for sealing, but that the completion of the Conveyances was fixed for Monday next—

Conveyance (Lot 9) to Mr. W. J. Lambert, of land on the South side of Clerkenwell-road, having an area of 2,563 feet, and a frontage to Onslow-street.

Conveyance (Lot 18) to Mr. C. Bryant, of land on the North side of Clerkenwell-road, having an area of 3,910 square feet, and frontages to Clerkenwell-road and St. John's-square.

Conveyance (Lot 19) to Mr. C. Bryant, of land on the North side of Clerkenwell-road, having an area of 4,483 square feet, and frontages to Clerkenwell-road and St. John's-square.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the above-mentioned Deeds when ready.

43. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 28th September, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following District Boards—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
PLUMSTEAD.				
Burwash-road...	657	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
WANDSWORTH.				
Eltringham-street	218	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
At rear of houses in York-road...	400	12 „	„	
Deepdene-road, Streatham ...	155	12 „	„	
GREENWICH.				
Penmartin, Pepys, Valpey, New (No. 1), Drakefell and Payley Roads, Deptford ...	640 1,680	15-inch. 12 „	pipe. „	Recommended as applied for.

It was **moved** by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the said District Boards be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

44. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 28th September, 1883, stating that, during the Recess applications had been made by the following Vestries and District Board, for permission to close certain streets for the periods and purposes therein named, and that, under the authority of the Board's Resolution of the 30th January, 1863 (No. 4), he had authorised the closing of the streets for the periods under-mentioned—

Dates of Applications.	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time sanctioned.
1883.	**SAINT SAVIOUR'S.**			
6th September	Redcross-street, between Southwark-street and Union-street	Re-paving.	8 days.	8 days.
	BETHNAL-GREEN.			
19th & 20th „	Victoria-park-square (North side)	Paving.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.
	ST. GEORGE, HANOVER-SQUARE.			
19th September	Half Moon-street ...	Repairing carriage-ways.	3 days.	3 days.
	Hanover-street ...		3 „	3 „
	Hanover-square ...		6 „	6 „
	Davies-street ...		4 „	4 „
	Hill-street		6 „	6 „
	Maddox-street ...		4 „	4 „
	Duke-street ...		3 „	3 „

It was **moved** by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and **resolved**—That the course taken by the Engineer be approved.

45. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 28th September, 1883, on an application from the Vestry of Bethnal-green, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purpose therein mentioned, viz.—

Date of Application	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
1883.					
24th Sept.	Brady-street	Paving.	6 weeks.	6 weeks.	The routes shown in brown colour upon the Plan accompanying the application.
	Old Bethnal-green-road...	Do.	6 „	6 „	
	Bishop's-road	Do.	6 „	6 „	
	Globe-road	Do.	3 „	3 „	
	Winchester-street ...	Do.	3 „	3 „	

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the Vestry of Bethnal-green, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

46. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th September, 1883, submitting, in compliance with the Order of the Board of the 17th April, 1868 (No. 14), Reports with reference to the present condition of the works of the Bridges in course of construction by the Great Eastern and the London and South-Western Railway Companies respectively.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Reports be received.

47. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th September, 1883, stating that Mr. Henry Holloway's Contract with the Board for the cleansing of the cold water Reservoirs at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station would expire on the 3rd November next; recommending that Advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for the execution of the requisite work, for the ensuing two years, and that the Tenders be opened at the Meeting of the Board on the 19th October next.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that Advertisements be issued accordingly.

48. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th September, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. R. Johnson, Engineer, Great Northern Railway, submitting a Plan and Section of proposed works for the protection of the Fleet Sewer where the same passes under certain land at King's-cross Station, upon which buildings were being erected for the purposes of the Parcels Post; stating that the old Fleet Sewer passed under land which the Company had enclosed in virtue of the powers given to them by the Great Northern Railway (Additional Powers) Act, 1866; and that, as by the 14th Section of the Act the Company were authorised to build over the sewer upon giving to this Board 21 days' notice of such intended building, Mr. Johnson had, on the 6th instant, duly submitted the accompanying Plan and section marked "A" for such approval; further stating that, under the authority given to him (the Engineer) by the Board, to deal with such cases during the Recess, he had required that the works for the protection of the Sewer should be carried out as shown upon the accompanying modified drawing, marked "B," the works to be executed at the sole cost of the Company, and to his satisfaction; and submitting a Letter from Mr. Johnson, dated 22nd instant, undertaking to carry out the works accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received, and that the course taken by the Engineer be approved.

49. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 28th September, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contracts—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
Crossness Pumping Station.	
Taking out three old, and setting the first three new, Boilers supplied by Messrs. Watt and Co.	360 0 0
Fleet Sewer.	
Abolishing the old and defective side-entrance to the Main Sewer in Fleet-road, Hampstead, and constructing a new one in lieu thereof in Mansfield-road	40 0 0
Northern Outfall Sewer.	
Repairing the fencing blown down during the late storm ...	65 0 0
Total	£465 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

50. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th September, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. R. Pratt, requesting the consideration of his claim for compensation for the alleged loss and inconvenience sustained from the execution of the Board's Sewerage works in front of his premises, No. 74, South-street, New North-road; stating that, upon Mr. Pratt's previous application, he (the Engineer) had reported that the works were being expedited as much as possible, and that care was being taken to prevent any nuisance therefrom; further stating that the works were completed and the temporary hoarding removed on the 22nd ultimo, the precautions against nuisance or inconvenience to the residents being continued to be taken until the completion of the works; and recommending that the Board should adhere to their decision declining to admit any liability for Mr. Pratt's claim.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

51. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 27th September, 1883, submitting a Letter from Mr. J. Morter, accepting the conditions under which the Board, at their last meeting, sanctioned the connection of the drain of the new Arundel Hotel, at the South-West corner of Arundel-street, Strand, with the Sewer under the approach road to the Victoria Embankment.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received,

52. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. L. Courtnay, Treasury, dated 30th August, 1883, in reply to the Board's proposal for an extension of the period within which the Coal and Wine Duties are authorised to be levied, in view of the necessity for further works of Improvement in the Metropolis; explaining the views entertained by the Government with respect to the questions, and asking for information relative to the Board's future financial policy.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference made to them by the Board on 13th July last (No. 14).

53. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Hon. Sir A. F. O. Liddell, Home Office, dated 16th August, 1883, transmitting copies of three Representations made by the Medical Officer of Health for the Greenwich District to this Board, in reference to certain areas situated in the Parish of Greenwich, which should be dealt with under the Artizans' Dwellings Act, and asking for this Board's observations thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

54. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Hon. Sir A. F. O. Liddell, Home Office, dated 11th August, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Letter from the Vestry of St. George-in-the-East, relative to certain areas in the Parish which had been represented as unhealthy and requiring improvement under the Artizans' Dwellings Acts, but which the Board had decided to be too small for dealing with under those Acts, and asking for the Board's observations thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

55. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

St. Saviour's District Board of Works,
Board-room, Emerson-street,
Bankside, Southwark, S.E.,
August 1st, 1883.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen—

In compliance with the provisions of the subjoined Sections of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, namely of Section 3, by which it is enacted that—

"When an official representation is made to the Local Authority that any houses, "courts, or alleys within a certain area under the jurisdiction of the Local

"Authority are unfit for human habitation, or that diseases indicating a generally "low condition of health amongst the population have been from time to time "prevalent in a certain area within the jurisdiction of the Local Authority, and "that such prevalence may reasonably be attributed to the closeness, narrowness, "and bad arrangement or the bad condition of the streets and houses, or groups "of houses, within such area, or to the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper "conveniences, or to any other sanitary defects, or to one or more of such causes, "and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary "defects in such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an "Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets "and houses within such area, or of some of such streets or houses, the Local "Authority shall take such representation into their consideration."

And of Section 4, by which the exact meaning of the term "Official representation" is defined, I beg leave to submit to the consideration of your Board, as an "unhealthy area," within the meaning of the above recited provision of the Act, a Court, situate in the St. Saviour's District of the Metropolis, known as Red-cross-place, Red-cross-street.

Upon many occasions during the last 25 years it has been my duty as Health Officer of the District, to bring the defective sanitary arrangements, structural and otherwise, of several of the houses constituting this Court, under the attention of the St. Saviour's District Board of Works, by which body various requirements of the law, so far as these have admitted of reasonable and practicable application, have from time to time been enforced. The actual cubical contents of these several tenancies are exhibited in the annexed table.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT BIANCHI,
Officer of Health to the St. Saviour's District Board of Works.

	Cubic Space, approximate.
No. 53, Red-cross-street	4,417
„ 51, „	3,047
„ 49, „	4,117
„ 39, Red-cross-place, Red-cross-street	3,625
„ 37, „ „	3,514
„ 35, „ „	3,521
„ 33, „ „	3,478
„ 31, „ „	1,128
Shed between 29 and 31, Red-cross-place, Red-cross-street	4,208
No. 29, Red-cross-place, Red-cross-street	2,649
„ 27A, „ „	1,097
„ 27, „ „	1,535
„ 25, „ „	2,269
„ 5, „ „	2,063
„ 6, „ „	1,538
* „ 7, „ „	—
„ 8, „ „	1,214
„ 9, „ „	1,350
„ 10, „ „	1,221
„ 11, „ „	1,261
„ 12, „ „	1,071
„ 13, „ „	1,126
„ 14, „ „	1,127
„ 15, „ „	1,313
„ 16, „ „	1,152
„ 17, „ „	1,159
* „ 18, „ „	—
Passage between 18 and 19, Red-cross-place, Red-cross-street	64
No. 19, Red-cross-place, Red-cross-street	1,425
† „ 20, „ „	—
„ 21, „ „	1,421
„ 28, „ „	3,647
„ 30, „ „	1,161
„ 32, „ „	3,861
„ 34, „ „	3,892
„ 36, „ „	3,047
„ 38, „ „	5,153
„ 40, „ „	3,158
„ 42, „ „	3,135
„ 44, „ „	3,512
„ 46, „ „	1,726

* Could not get into house. Tenant away fruit picking.

† House void. Brickwork outside in a dilapidated state.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

56. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. W. Marsh, Clerk to the Trustees of the Parish of All Saints, Poplar, dated 17th September, 1883, relative to overflowing of sewage matter in Cubitt-town.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

57. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. F. Denny, Clerk to the Vestry of Islington, dated 11th August, 1883, transmitting copy of a Report of the Surveyor to the Vestry with reference to the recurrence of storm floodings in the Holloway-road and neighbourhood, on the 14th July last, and expressing a hope that the Board would at once adopt further measures with a view to averting the overflows.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

58. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Harrison, Clerk to the Vestry of Bermondsey, dated 14th August, 1883, asking the Board to include in a Streets Improvement Bill the scheme for widening Mill-street and Bermondsey-wall, conditionally upon the Vestry contributing an amount to be arranged.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

59. The Clerk presented Letters, as follows—

Letter from Mr. A. A. Corsellis, Clerk to the Wandsworth District Board, dated 7th September, 1883, expressing a fear that the works proposed to be carried out at Beverley-brook would have the effect of still further polluting the Brook, and asking the Board to appear at the inquiry which the Local Government Board had ordered, and to endeavour to prevent the discharge into the Brook of Sewage of any description.

Further Letter from the District Board, dated 24th September, 1883, stating that it had been reported that the Wimbledon Local Board proposed so to alter their Plans that no Sewage should be discharged into the Beverley-brook, and that the District Board had informed the Local Board that if they would give an undertaking to that effect, the District Board would withdraw their objection to the scheme.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be received.

60. The Clerk presented a Memorial from certain inhabitants of Wentworth-street, Spitalfields, dated 23rd August, 1883, relative to nuisances arising from the uninhabited houses in the street acquired by the Board for the purposes of the Whitechapel Scheme, 1877, under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, and praying the Board to take action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration.

61. The Clerk presented a Notice from the Grand Junction Waterworks Company, dated 17th August, 1883, of their intention to give a constant supply of Water in a certain district in the Parish of St. James, Westminster.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

62. The Clerk presented a circular Letter from Mr. J. H. Smith, Clerk of the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, dated 13th August, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Report by Mr. W. J. Farrer, of an interview a Deputation had with the Home Secretary, on the subject of Water Rate Assessment in the Metropolis.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

63. The Clerk presented a Circular Letter from Mr. J. H. Smith, Clerk of the Vestry of St.George, Hanover-square, dated 13th August, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Report of a Committee of the Vestry on the subject of overhead Telegraph and Telephonic wires.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

64. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. Lewis, dated 22nd August, 1883, transmitting a pamphlet entitled " The Future of the Sewage Question."

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

65. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. Deffee, dated 15th August, 1883, informing the Board of the death of his uncle, Mr. C. Monksfield, Collector of Rents for the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

66. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mrs. Anne Tarrant, dated 3rd September, 1883, offering suggestions for facilitating the traffic in the Metropolis.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

67. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Burrows and Barnes, on behalf of the Trustees of the Provident Life Office, dated 5th September, 1883, transmitting a Notice, in duplicate, of a Mortgage in the favour of the Trustees of Mr. G. Foskett, for securing the sum of £20,000 and interest, and of a covenant to convey the freehold site No. 1, Newport Market Scheme, to their clients as further security, if he should acquire it from this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Solicitor, for the purpose of being filed with the Title-deeds relating to the property.

68. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. H. Farnfield, Clerk to the Poplar District Board, dated 5th September, 1883, requesting to be furnished with an approximate estimate of the cost of forming the proposed new street from Preston's-road to Cotton-street.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto.

69. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. G. Mullen, Secretary of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board, dated 5th September, 1883, referring to the decision of this Board not to avail themselves of the West Kent Sewerage system for the drainage of the Southern portion of the Parish of Eltham, and asking the Board, for the reasons stated in the Letter, to re-consider their decision.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

70. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. Terraneau, General Manager of the St. George Telephone Company (Limited), dated 7th September, 1883, applying for permission to lay wires in the Board's Subways in Queen Victoria-street and the Victoria Embankment to Westminster.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

71. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Lloyd, dated 18th September, 1883, relative to a Letter and article in the *Times* newspaper, with regard to nuisance from a heap of refuse stored in the Docks, near the Paddington Canal Basin, by the Vestry and their Contractors, from which oozings were constantly flowing into the Sewers; and asking the Board to make inquiry into the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto.

72. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Ellis, Clerk to the Hackney District Board, dated 19th September, 1883, transmitting a Plan of an Improvement they proposed to carry out in Homerton-row, Hackney, at an estimated cost of £160, and asking this Board to contribute a moiety of the cost of the work.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

73. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Harris, Clerk to the Westminster District Board, dated 17th September, 1883, stating that the District Board proposed to effect an Improvement in Ennismore-gardens, at a cost of £200 for the land required, and asking this Board to contribute a moiety of such amount.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

74. The Clerk presented a copy Report by the Water Examiner appointed by the Board of Trade of the examination made by him of the water supplied by the Metropolitan Water Companies during the month of July last.

75. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. Bridger, Clerk to the Vestry of Hampstead, dated 13th August, 1883, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed by the Vestry on the subject of the ventilation of the main Sewers in the lower levels of the Metropolitan Parishes adjoining Hampstead, and stating that the Vestry were providing additional ventilation for the brick and pipe Sewers under their charge.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration and report.

76. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Topham, dated 3rd September, 1883, stating that he had prepared a liquid that would extinguish fire, destroy the explosive power of gunpowder, and render wood uninflammable, and offering to sell his invention.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee.

77. The Clerk presented a Notice from Messrs. Garrard, James and Woolfe, dated 23rd August, 1883, of an Appeal by the Owners of the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, against the Board's Notice, requiring them to carry out certain works and alterations at the Theatre.

The Clerk reported that he had applied to the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works, &c., to appoint an Arbitrator under the Act, and he laid before the Board a Letter from Mr. R. S. Gowland, Office of Works, &c., dated 4th September, 1883, stating that the First Commissioner had appointed Sir H. A. Hunt to be Arbitrator to hear and determine the Appeal.

The Clerk also presented a Letter from Sir H. A. Hunt, dated 5th September, 1883, stating that he had accepted the appointment.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration.

78. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Harris, Clerk to the Westminster District Board, dated 13th August, 1883, transmitting a copy of a communication from Mr. Bartley, complaining that certain wooden hoardings erected in Victoria-street were dangerous, and requesting this Board to take such steps with respect thereto as they might deem advisable.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

79. The Clerk presented Letters, as follows—

Chamber of London, Guildhall,
31st August, 1883.

To J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

THAMES EMBANKMENT AND METROPOLIS IMPROVEMENT FUND.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to inform you that I have this day applied for a receivable Order from the Treasury for the payment to the above Account at the Bank of England of the sum £72,658 9s. 8d., being the net proceeds of the Coal and Wine Duties payable to that Fund for the Quarter ended the 30th June, 1883.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) BENJAMIN SCOTT.

Treasury Chambers,
4th September, 1883.

SIR,—I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to inform you that the Bank of England has been authorised to receive from the Chamberlain of the City of London the sum of £72,658 9s. 8d., being the net proceeds of the Coal and Wine Duties for the Quarter ended 30th June last, and to carry the same to the credit of the Thames Embankment and Metropolis Improvement Fund, and thence to transfer the amount to the credit of your Board.

I have, &c.,
The Chairman of the (Signed) R. E. WELBY.
Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Finance Committee.

80. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Lewisham Union, Lewisham, S.E.,
7th September, 1883.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Guardians of this Union to make application to your Board for a further Loan of four thousand pounds (£4,000) which the Guardians require for Engineer's work, and for fittings and furniture in connection with the Workhouse extension, under the authority of the Order of the Local Government Board, dated 29th April, 1882, a duplicate of which Order is at your office.

The Loan is required for 15 years, and to be re-paid by equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined. Application is now being made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the period and mode of re-payment, which I shall hope to receive and forward to you very shortly.

Kindly inform me whether, subject to the Local Government Board and Treasury's sanction being obtained, your Board will advance the money required.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) H. C. MOTT,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Clerk laid before the Board a further Letter from Mr. Mott, dated 15th September, 1883, transmitting a Letter from the Local Government Board, assenting to the proposed Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

81. The Clerk presented a Letter from Lord E. Fitzmaurice, Foreign Office, dated 18th August, 1883, transmitting a Memorandum on the system adopted for the suppression of fires in Wurtemburg, received from the Government of that kingdom.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee.

82. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. V. Lister, Foreign Office, dated 24th September, 1883, transmitting a Report by Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Dresden, upon the measures adopted in Saxony for the protection of Theatres from fire.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee.

83. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mrs. C. Browne, dated 11th September, 1883, stating that her husband, Mr. C. F. Browne, late Medical Officer of the Fire Brigade, to whom a retiring allowance was granted by the Board on the 11th August, 1882, died on the 6th instant, and asking the Board to continue the pension to her, or to grant her a gratuity.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That Mrs. Browne be informed that the Board regret they have no power to comply with her request.

84. The Clerk presented Letters, as follows—

Letter from Sir W. V. Harcourt, Home Secretary, dated 25th August, 1883, stating his views with regard to Public Meetings being held in Southwark-park and other Open Spaces under the control of the Board.

Letter from Mr. H. T. Hill, President of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, dated 3rd September, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting held in Hawkstone-road, Southwark-park, and an extract from the *Standard* Newspaper, with regard to the right to hold Public Meetings in the Parks and Open Spaces under the control of the Board.

Letter from Mr. C. Keen, Secretary of the Labour Protection League, transmitting a copy of a Resolution passed at a special meeting of the League, expressing a hope that the Board would re-consider their Resolution prohibiting Meetings in Southwark-park.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

85. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Whale, Clerk to the Plumstead District Board, dated 15th August, 1883, asking this Board to acquire a piece of Freehold land, about one acre in extent, situated at the South-West corner of Plumstead-common, and known as Sot's Hole, for the purpose of adding it to the Common, and transmitting copies of a Letter and documents sent to the Local Government Board on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

86. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. R. Kersey, Clerk to the Vestry of St. Nicholas, Deptford, dated 18th August, 1883, referring to an offer made by the Kyrle Society to lay out the disused Burial-ground in Wellington-street, Deptford, and inquiring whether the Board would take over and maintain the ground as an open space.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

87. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. R. Moore, Land Commissioners' Office, dated 13th August, 1883, stating that, having considered the Memorial of the Board, the Commissioners were prepared to adopt and publish the draft Scheme (subject to the alterations made therein) for placing Streatham-common under the control of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Scheme be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do report to the Committee thereon.

88. The Clerk presented Letters from Mr. J. P. Bayly, dated 26th and 27th September, 1883, transmitting Drawings illustrating his scheme for a Low-level Bridge across the Thames below London Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Drawings be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

89. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. Maddox, dated 25th September, 1883, temporarily employed as Inspector of Working Class Dwellings, applying for the appointment of Collector of Weekly Rents, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Monksfield.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration.

90. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. Appleton, Clerk to the Managers of the Central London Sick Asylum District, dated 25th September, 1883, stating that the Managers would be prepared to pay to the Board, on the 2nd October next, the balances of Loans obtained by them, and also the amount named in the Resolution of the Board of 10th August, as compensation for the loss which the Board would sustain by accepting immediate payment.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Solicitor, with instructions to carry out the arrangement.

91. The Clerk presented a Letter and Representations, as follows—

St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

Vestry-hall, Borough-road,
September, 1883.

Sir,—I beg to enclose, in accordance with the request of the Secretary of State, Reports of four sites in this Parish, which I consider proper areas to be dealt with under the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Act of 1875. You will observe that two of these sites were reported on by Dr. Bateson in 1876.

I beg to remain, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. H. WATERWORTH, M.D.

To Sir J. M. McGarel-Hogg,
Chairman, Metropolitan Board of Works.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

As the Medical Officer of Health for the Parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, in the County of Surrey, I beg to make an official representation that the area shown upon the annexed Plan, and coloured Pink thereon, viz., Nos. 1 to 32, Kell-street, Borough-road, is an unhealthy area for the purpose of Section 4 of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Act of 1875.

That the houses within the above area are unfit for human habitation in consequence of the bad condition of the houses within such area, and of the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper conveniences, and that the evils connected with such houses and the sanitary defects of

such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the street and houses within such area.

Dated this 18th day of September, 1883.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. H. WATERWORTH, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health,
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

Official representation of this area was made by my predecessor, the late Dr. Bateson, in 1876.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

As the Medical Officer of Health for the Parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, in the County of Surrey, I beg to make an official representation that the area shown upon the annexed Plan, and coloured Pink thereon, situated in Union-street, London-road, consisting of Edmund's-court, Union-court, part of Bird-in-hand-court, Alfred-place, James-court, Smith's-place, and one house in Union-street, is an unhealthy area for the purpose of Section 4 of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Act of 1875. That the houses, courts, or alleys within the above area are unfit for human habitation, in consequence of the bad arrangement and condition of the houses within such area, and of the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper conveniences ; and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects of such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area.

Dated this 18th day of September, 1883.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. H. WATERWORTH, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health,
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

Official representation of this area was made by my predecessor, the late Dr. Bateson, in 1876.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

As the Medical Officer of Health for the Parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, in the County of Surrey, I beg to make an official representation that the area shown upon the annexed Plan, and coloured Pink thereon, situated in Green-street, consisting of Chadwell-court, Surrey-court, Brown's-buildings, also Nos. 1 to 13, Green-street, is an unhealthy area for the purpose of Section 4 of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Act of 1875. That the houses, courts, or alleys within the above area are unfit for human habitation in consequence of the bad arrangement and condition of the houses within such area, and of the want of light, air, ventilation or proper conveniences, and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects of such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area.

Dated this 18th day of September, 1883.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. H. WATERWORTH, M.D.
Medical Officer of Health,
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

As the Medical Officer of Health for the Parish of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, in the County of Surrey, I beg to make an official representation that the area shown upon the annexed Plan and coloured Pink thereon, consisting of Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14½, King's Bench-walk, Back-court, Mason's-buildings, and Reddin's-court is an unhealthy area, for the purpose of Section 4 of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Act of 1875. That the houses, courts, or alleys within the above area are unfit for human habitation in consequence of the bad arrangement and condition of the houses within such area, and of the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper conveniences, and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects of such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area.

Dated this 18th day of September, 1883.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) THO H. WATERWORTH, M.D.
Medical Officer of Health,
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Representations be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

92. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. J. H. Saunders, C.E., dated 24th September, 1883, transmitting a copy of his Plan for additional communication across the Thames, East of London Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

93. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Logan, Clerk to the Vestry of St. Mary, Stratford, Bow, dated 26th September, 1883, applying for an alteration of the number of the Members of the Poplar District Board, so that the Parish may have the number of its representatives increased.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

94. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Fairbairn, Hon. Secretary of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, dated 26th September, 1883, asking the Board to receive, on the 5th October next, a Deputation of Ratepayers on the subject of the Board's Bye-laws relating to Public Meetings in the Parks and Open Spaces under their jurisdiction, and also with regard to the management of Southwark-park.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Deputation be received by the Board on Friday next, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

95. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of the Parish of St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell.
Vestry-hall, Clerkenwell,
58, Rosoman-street, E.C.,
September 27th, 1883.

Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, Clerkenwell Areas.

Gentlemen,—Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, as the Medical Officer of Health for the Parish of Clerkenwell, I beg to submit to you the following official representation, viz.—That Bishop's-court, Smith's-place, and Slade's-place are unhealthy areas for the purposes of the above-mentioned Act, for the following among other reasons, viz.—That the buildings composing these areas are either unfit for human habitation, or that diseases indicating a generally low condition of health among the inhabitants have been prevalent, as mentioned in Section 3 of the said Act, and that there is also a want of light, air, and ventilation, or proper conveniences to the houses or groups of houses within such areas.

In my opinion the evils connected with Bishop's-court might be remedied by the removal of portions of the back yards of Nos. 19 and 20, Saint John's-square, and the houses No. 6½, Bishop's-court and No. 18, St John's-square.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JOHN WILLIAM GRIFFITH, M.D,
Member Royal Coll. Physicians, Medical Officer of Health
to Clerkenwell.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

96. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Owners of the Alcazar Theatre, dated 27th September, 1883, asking for the Board's Certificate as to the completion of the Theatre.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

97. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. Stone, dated 27th September, 1883, with a Memorial, asking for the Board's Certificate with respect to the "Three Cups" Coffee Tavern in Matilda-place, Trafalgar-road, Greenwich.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

98. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the weeks ending on the 14th, 21st and 28th ultimo, and the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·2	17·0	17·1	8·8	7·6	8·2	0·6	0·0	0·2	None.
	Camden ..	17·4	16·5	16·9	10·8	9·9	10·4	0·4	0·1	0·2	,,
	Dalston ..	17·7	17·0	17·3	12.8	10 9	11·8	0·4	0.0	0·1	,,
	Bow ..	17·3	17·0	17·1	16·7	8·1	10·1	1·9	1·5	1·6	,,
	Chelsea ..	17·0	16·3	16·7	11·9	10·2	11·1	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road			Station closed for repairs							,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·7	21·4	21.6	11·1	8·4	9·4	1·0	0·6	0·8	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham ..	16·9	16·4	16.6	12·2	9·1	10·9	0·3	0·0	0·2	,,
	Tooley-street .	16·7	16·5	16·6	12·6	9 8	11·6	0·3	0·0	0·1	,,
	Clapham ..	17·1	16·5	16·8	10·5	8·7	9·3	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Lewisham ..	17·0	16·6	16·8	6·2	5·6	6·0	0·6	0·0	0·4	,,
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford ..	17.2	16·8	17·0	13·4	9·5	11·3	0·4	0·3	0·4	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·5	16·9	17·3	14·7	8·3	11·3	0·3	0·2	0·2	,,

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the Commercial Gas Company, in Collingwood-street, Shoreditch, on the 10th instant, at 9 p.m, was 2·40 inches.

Company	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·2	16·9	17·1	9·4	8·2	8·8	0·6	0·2	0·4	None.
	Camden ..	17·4	16.8	17·0	10·9	9·8	10·5	0·4	0·2	0·3	,,
	Dalston ..	17·6	16·8	17·3	12·8	9·0	11·1	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Bow .	17·6	16·3	16·8	8·4	7·5	7·9	2·0	1·7	1·8	,,
	Chelsea ..	17·0	16·5	16·7	11.2	10·0	10·7	0·0	0·0	0 0	,,
	Kingsland-road			Station closed for repairs.							
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)..	21·7	21 2	21·5	10·2	8·8	9·5	1·6	0·6	0·9	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	16·7	16·0	16·4	13·0	9·3	11·0	0·4	0·0	0·3	,,
	Tooley-street ..	16·7	16·0	16·4	13·9	10·2	11·6	0·6	0·0	0·2	,,
	Clapham ..	17·1	16·7	16·8	11·5	7·6	9·9	0·4	0·0	0·1	,,
	Lewisham ..	17·6	16·6	17·1	8·7	6·2	6·9	0·2	0·0	0 1	,,
Commercial Gas Company	Old Ford ..	17·2	16·4	16·9	15·3	9·5	12·1	1·5	0·2	0·5	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·5	16·6	17·1	13·8	11·3	12·4	0·1	0·1	0·1	,,

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, in East Dulwich-road, on the 20th instant, at 9 p.m., was 1·90 inches.

Company.	District.	Illuminating power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·2	16·9	17·0	9·2	6·8	8·1	0·6	0·0	0·2	None
	Camden ..	17·1	16·2	16·8	10·5	9·4	10·2	0·4	0·2	0·3	,,
	Dalston ..	17·2	16·9	17·1	11·9	9·0	10·3	0·2	0·0	0·0	,,
	Bow	17·5	17·0	17·3	7·6	6·2	7·0	2·2	1·8	2·0	,,
	Chelsea ..	17·0	16·8	17·0	13·6	11·2	12·5	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17·4	17·2	17·3	9·8	9·0	9·4	0·3	0·1	0·2	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas).	21·8	20·9	21·3	10·9	8·9	9·8	1·0	0·4	0·7	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham .	17·2	16·4	16·8	12·6	8·7	11·1	0.2	0·0	0.1	,,
	Tooley-street .	16·9	16·2	16·7	14·0	11·5	13·2	0·6	0·0	0.2	,,
	Clapham .	17·3	16·7	16·9	11·1	8·4	9·8	0·2	0·0	0·0	,,
	Lewisham ..	18·0	16·5	17·0	8·1	7·3	7·7	0·6	0·3	0·4	,,
Commercial Gas Company	Old Ford ..	17·0	16·9	17 0	17·1	11·5	14·6	0·6	0·2	0·4	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·0	16·8	17·1	12·6	8 5	10·2	0·2	0·1	0.2	,,

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, in Sloane-street, on the 24th instant, at 8.15 p.m., was 2·40 inches.

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power (In Standard Sperm Candles).			Sulphur (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas).			Ammonia (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas).			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·3	16·9	17·1	8·5	7·0	7·9	0·4	0·0	0·1	None.
	Camden .	17·5	16·8	17·1	12·0	8·9	10 0	0·4	0·3	0·3	,,
	Dalston ..	17·1	16·6	16·9	12·9	11 0	11·9	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Bow	17·7	16·8	17·2	7·3	6·2	6 8	2·4	1·6	2·1	,,
	Chelsea	17.0	16·6	16 9	12·0	10 0	11·3	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17·9	17·4	17·7	12·5	8·0	10·0	0·4	0·1	0·2	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)..	21·8	21·3	21·5	11·0	7·4	9.5	1·2	0·6	0·8	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham ..	17·0	16·0	16·4	14·1	9·9	12·2	0·5	0·0	0·3	,,
	Tooley-street ..	16·6	16·0	16·4	14·5	10·7	12·8	0.7	0·0	0·6	,,
	Clapham ..	17·4	17·0	17·2	10·8	8 2	9·2	0·4	0 0	0·1	,,
	Lewisham ...	17·2	16 1	16·7	8·7	7·4	8·0	0·4	0.2	0·3	,,
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford	17·8	16·4	17·2	11·5	7·7	9·2	0·5	0·3	0·4	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·2	16 8	16·9	13·6	8 8	11.6	0·4	0·2	0 3	,,

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, in Portobello-road, Kensington, on the 1st instant, at 8.30 p.m., was 3 inches.

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·2	16·9	17·1	8·4	7·3	7·8	0·3	0·0	0·1	None.
	Camden ..	17·4	17·0	17·1	10·0	9·1	9·5	0·4	0·3	0·4	,,
	Dalston ..	16·9	16·4	16·7	12·9	11·6	12·0	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Bow	17·3	16·8	17·1	12·1	8·2	10·6	1·5	0·8	1·1	,,
	Chelsea ..	17·0	16·4	16·7	12·9	12·2	12·5	0 0	0 0	0 0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17.9	17·1	17·5	10·6	8·3	10·0	0·4	0·1	0·2	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·4	20.9	21·2	9·4	7·4	8·6	1 0	0·6	0·8	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	17·2	16·0	16·5	12·0	8·3	10·4	0·8	0·0	0·4	,,
	Tooley-street ..	17·0	16·2	16·4	13·7	11·0	12.7	0·6	0·2	0·4	,,
	Clapham ..	17·0	16·6	16·7	9·7	8.4	9·1	0·4	0·0	0·1	,,
	Lewisham	16·8	16.2	16·5	11·2	6·9	9·8	0·2	0·0	0·2	,,
Commercial Gas Company	Old Ford ..	17·1	16·9	17·0	10·6	9·4	9·9	0·4	0·3	0·3	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	Station closed for repairs.									

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, as tested in Canal-road, Kingsland, on the 8th instant, at 8.30 p.m., was 2·26 inches.

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas).			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas).			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company ..	Notting-hill ..	17·4	17·0	17·2	9·0	8·1	8·5	0·4	0·0	0·2	None.
	Camden ..	17·3	16·7	17·0	10·3	8·6	9·5	0 4	0·3	0·3	,,
	Dalston ..	16·9	16·3	16·7	13·0	10·6	12·0	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Bow ..	17·7	17·0	17·3	12·9	10·9	11·7	1·6	1·0	1·3	,,
	Chelsea ..	16·7	16·4	16·6	12·3	11·2	11·5	0·1	0·0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road .	18·4	17·4	17·7	11·7	10·3	10·9	0·3	0·0	0·1	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)..	21·5	21·1	21·3	9·7	7·5	8·6	0·8	0·6	0·6	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	16·8	16·4	16·6	13·0	8·3	11·3	0·4	0 0	0·2	,,
	Tooley-street ..	16·6	16·1	16·5	13·7	11·6	12·7	0·6	0·3	0·5	,,
	Clapham ..	16·9	16·5	16·7	9·7	7·5	8·7	0·3	0·0	0·1	,,
	Lewisham ..	16·9	16·5	16·7	9·7	7·5	8·2	0·3	0·0	0·2	,,
Commercial Gas Company	Old Ford ..	17·4	16.5	16·9	8·6	6·4	7·5	0·4	0·2	0·3	,,
	St George-in-the-East	Station closed for repairs.									

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, as tested in Great Guildford-street, Southwark, on the 17th instant, at 7.30 p.m., was 2·60 inches.

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill .	17·4	16.9	17·2	8 5	7·1	7·9	0·0	0 0	0·0	None.
	Camden ..	17·5	16·8	17·1	9·5	9·0	9·1	0·3	0·1	0·2	„
	Dalston ..	17·1	16·3	16·7	13·9	11·1	12·2	0·0	0 0	0·0	„
	Bow	17·5	16·8	17·2	13·1	9·3	10·2	1.5	1·2	1·3	„
	Chelsea	16 7	16·4	16·6	12·1	10·9	11·6	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	18·0	16·9	17·3	20·5	10·7	12·7	0·2	0·1	0·1	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas) .	21·6	21·0	21·4	9·8	7·8	8·8	0·8	0·4	0.6	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	16·6	16·4	16·5	11·4	10·0	10·9	0·6	0·0	0·2	„
	Tooley-street ..	17·0	16·3	16·6	14·3	13·4	13·9	0 3	0·0	0·2	„
	Clapham ..	17·0	16·3	16·6	10·2	8·0	9·5	0·4	0·0	0·1	„
	Lewisham ..	16·8	16·5	16·6	9·4	6·5	7·8	1 3	0·2	0·9	„
Commercial Gas Company	Old Ford ..	17·4	17·1	17.3	12·0	7·0	9·9	0·2	0·1	0·2	„
	St. George-in-the-East ..	Station closed for repairs.									

99. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. William Coats, District Surveyor for the District of East Kensington for the consent of the Board to the appointment by him of Mr. H. Hart as his Deputy, from the 4th to the 31st October next.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be granted, and that this Board do consent to the appointment by Mr. William Coats of Mr. H. Hart, as his Deputy, and for the performance of the duties of District Surveyor in the District of East Kensington, from the 4th to the 31st October next.

100. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. J. Eedle, on behalf of Mr. J. H. Billinghurst, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 21 and 25, Waterloo-street, and Nos. 124 to 130, George-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was **moved** by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

101. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. T. Farthing, on behalf of Mr. F. Paling, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey bay-windows to ten houses between Ormond House and No. 1, Trafalgar-road, Old Kent-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was **moved** by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

102. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. J. Dickins, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 211 to 223, Albany-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was **moved** by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

103. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. R. Swain, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of wooden barge-boards and a wooden oriel window to a house on the West side of Underhill-road.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

104. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Batty, on behalf of Mr. T. K. Young, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a workshop on the South side of Armadale-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

105. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Anderson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to six detached houses on the North side of Westcombe-park- road, between Foyle-road and Green-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

106. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Jackson, on behalf of Mr. W. Steward, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1 to 4, Margaret's-place, at the corner of Woodland's-road, Shooter's-hill-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be no granted.

107. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. H. Hayden, on behalf of Mr. J. Williams, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an additional storey to the bay-windows of Nos. 3 and No. 5, Pitt-street, Campden-hill-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of the Board.

108. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. A. J. Woodward, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of houses on the East side of South Lambeth-road, between No. 57, in that road, and Fentiman-road.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

109. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. M. Braund, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of pent roofs over the door-ways of four houses on the North side of St. Margaret's-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

110. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Rowland, on behalf of Sir S. Wilson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey bays upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 2 to 14, 16 to 18, and 21 to 24, Charlton-terrace, Greenwich and Woolwich Lower-road, and of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1, 20, 25 and 26, Charlton-terrace, aforesaid, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces

separating the proposed shops from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

111. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. B. Tabberer, on behalf of the Building Committee of Southwark-park Chapel, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey school building on the West side of Deptford-lower-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

112. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Trollope and Sons, on behalf of the Earl of Cork, for the consent of the Board to the enclosure of a portico at No. 11, Upper Belgrave-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

113. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 26th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Edwards, on behalf of Mr. E. Green, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of bay-windows at No. 5, Berkeley-square, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded and resolved—That the application be not granted.

114. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Bell, on behalf of the Directors of the London and South Western Bank, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1 and 2, Shirley-villas, Balham-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

115. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Kynoch, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to three detached houses on the South side of Ormeley-road, Balham, at the corner of Laitwood-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

116. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, on behalf of Mr. H. J. Brown, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to two detached houses on the South side of Babington-road, and to two detached houses on the North side of Gleneagle-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

117. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. L. Ford, on behalf of Mr. S. Kipps, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft at the rear of No. 94, Bermondsey-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

118. Mile-end Old-town.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 26th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Gregg, on behalf of Dr. Barnardo, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an addition to the Mission Hall at the rear of the "Edinburgh Castle" Public-house, in Edinburgh-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

119. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Camberwell, relative to the formation of Pennethorne-road, Goldsmith-road, of a less width than 40 feet.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

120. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 26th September, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, and Mr. F. Lycett, relative to a deviation from the Plan approved by the Board for the formation of Castletown-road and Charleville-road, Baron's-court Estate.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

121. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. G. Gribble, on behalf of Mr. R. Cox, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of six houses on the South side of a road leading out of Jew's-row, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue on the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered without the consent of this Board.

122. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. R. Lee, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a lean-to shed adjoining No. 75, Lenthall-road, Dalston, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

123. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 26th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Hamilton, on behalf of Mr. T. Boyce, for the consent of the Board to an amended Plan for the construction of a shed in Lamb-lane, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

124. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Thomas, on behalf of Messrs.

Burt and Co., for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a lean-to shed at No. 299, Rotherhithe-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

125. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Berrie, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of additions to the cellars of four houses in Selincourt-road, Tooting, with walls of Portland cement concrete..

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that a License, with such conditions as to the quality and composition of the concrete, and other matters, as are contained in the form of License, approved by the Board on the 28th November, 1879 (No. 6), be granted to the applicant.

126. Kensington.—Read a communication from Mr. Alfred Williams, Assistant Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of South Kensington, dated 25th August, 1883, notifying that certain alterations and additions to Nos. 79, 81, and 83, Kensington High-street, were about to be carried out under his professional superintendence, by and with the consent and concurrence of Mr. Thomas Leverton Donaldson, the District Surveyor, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. Alfred Williams, Assistant Surveyor for the District of South Kensington, did, on the 25th day of August, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Alfred Williams, was engaged, by and with the consent and concurrence of Mr. Thomas Leverton Donaldson, the District Surveyor, to act professionally in respect of certain alterations and additions to Nos. 79, 81, and 83, Kensington High-street, and the said Alfred Williams has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Henry Hart, District Surveyor for the District of West Kensington, be appointed by this Board, and the said Henry Hart is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

127. Southwark.—Read a communication from Mr. Edwin Richard Hewitt, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of St. Saviour, St. George-the-Martyr (part) and Christ Church, Southwark, and the Northern Division of Lambeth, dated 30th August, 1883, notifying that certain alterations to Mr. Pascall's premises, in Valentine-place, Blackfriars-road, were about to be carried out under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. Edwin Richard Hewitt, District Surveyor for the District of St. Saviour, St. George-the-Martyr (part) and Christ Church Southwark, and the Northern Division of Lambeth, did on the 30th day of August, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Edwin Richard Hewitt, was engaged to act professionally in respect of certain alterations to Mr. Pascall's premises, in Valentine-place, Blackfriars-road, and the said Edwin Richard Hewitt has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. John Alexander James Woodward, District Surveyor for the District of Central Lambeth and part of Battersea, be appointed by this Board, and the said John Alexander James Woodward is hereby appointed, to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

128. City of London (Southern Division).—Read a Report by the Superintending

Architect, dated 28th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Blake, on behalf of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, for the appointment by the Board of Fees to Mr. Edward Power, District Surveyor for the District of the Southern Division of the City of London, in respect of services performed by him in surveying Dangerous Structures within that District.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, amounting to the sum of £10 7s. 6d., as specified in the Accounts, numbered 1 to 6, now presented to this Board, be paid to Mr. Edward Power, the District Surveyor mentioned in such Accounts, in respect of services performed by him in surveying Dangerous Structures within the City of London.

129. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. M. Brutton, on behalf of Mr. G. Cookson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft in Gloucester-street, Albert Embankment.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

Adjourned until Friday, the 5th October next, at this Office at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 8.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **5th** day of **October**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—William Robbins Selway, Esq., in the Chair.

Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.
John Abbott, Esq.	JohnEdwinBradfield,Esq.	James Richard Lloyd,Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.	George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	William Robson, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	Robert Furniss, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.	George Edwards, Esq.	George Brown, Esq.
Charles Harris, Esq.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
George Phillips, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.	Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	
William Urquhart, Esq.	John Jones, Esq.	

1. It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That

William Robbins Selway, Esq.,

be requested to take the Chair; and he took the Chair accordingly.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 28th September last, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman (Mr. Selway) and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

3. Mr. Harris presented a Letter, as follows—

St. Saviour's District Board of Works,
Board Room, Emerson-street, Bankside, Southwark,
4th October, 1883.

Sir,—In April last I wrote to you by the direction of this Board, stating that the Board was desirous of removing the lamp column at the East end of Southwark-street, for the purpose of erecting a Châlet on the site, and enquiring whether your Board had any objection to offer to the proposition; to which Letter you replied on the 12th July, informing me that your Board was unable to give its assent thereto.

Since then this Board has further considered the matter, and has resolved to erect public conveniences which shall be under its own control, and available for both sexes, at the East end of and in substitution for the existing urinal in Southwark-street, retaining, if need be, the present lamp column.

The Committee to whom the matter has been referred are of opinion that the structure, in order to be of the utmost public utility, should be placed as near as possible to the crossing in the Borough, where the road-way is broad and most suitable for it, but unfortunately, its erection there is hardly compatible with the retention of the lamp column in its present position.

The Committee, therefore, desire me to enquire whether your Board would have any objection to an alteration in the position of the column; this Board undertaking, at its own expense, to remove it about 25 feet further Eastward, towards the Borough, where it would be more serviceable, as it would form a refuge for persons using the crossing, which, at present, it does not afford, it being out of the general line of traffic. This Board would, of course, extend and maintain the connection with the Subway in Southwark-street.

The Board have reason to know that the conveniences which they propose to erect are greatly needed, particularly on market mornings when the neighbourhood is thronged with persons, many of whom come from a good distance to attend the Borough Market.

The Board being anxious to proceed with the erection of the conveniences without loss of time, I have to request that your Board will give the matter its earliest and most attentive consideration.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) W. H. ATKINS,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works.
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

4. Mr. Dalton, on behalf of Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 1st October, 1883.

Under the authority conferred upon them, your Committee have drawn the following Cheques—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Metropolis Bridges, 1881.		
Re Elvin (Putney)—(2066)—		
Cooke, W. C.—		
508 One-quarter's Ground-rent in respect of Nos. 114 and 116, High-street, Fulham, to Lady-day, 1882 (less Tax)	10 5 7	
Re Bradley (Putney)—(2067)—		
Cooper, W.—		
509 Costs of Title and Assignment	4 10 –	
		14 15 7
Street Improvements, 1877.		
Re Payne (Camberwell)—(2068)—		
Miller, Wiggins and Naylor—		
6431 Interest on Purchase-money, from Michaelmas, 1881, to 10th August, 1883 (less Tax) ...	118 6 1	
Re Spencer (Piccadilly)—(2069)—		
Veal, R. H.—		
6432 Costs of Title and Conveyance	110 3 2	
Re Spencer and Veal (Piccadilly)—(2070)—		
Veal, R. H.—		
6433 Costs of Title and Conveyance	69 2 5	
Re Holker (Kentish-town-road)—(2071)—		
Fraser, J.—		
6434 Costs of Title and Assignment	8 10 –	
Carried forward	£ 306 1 8	14 15 7

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	306 1 8	14 15 7
Re Turner (Piccadilly)—(2072)—		
Hills, B.—		
6435 Assistance on Trade Claim	5 5 –	
Phillips, J. and J.—(2073 and 2074)—		
Stamp-duty on Conveyances—		
6436 *Re* Payne (Camberwell)	11 10 –	
6437 „ Smirke's Executors (Piccadilly)	12 10 –	
		335 6 8
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Chapman's Trustees (Putney Bridge)—(2075)—		
Hare, and Co.—		
937 Proportion of Tenants' Rents of premises in Albert-row and High-street, Putney, from Midsummer to 11th August, 1883 (less Tax) ...		11 17 8
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Heilbron (Goulston-street)—(2076)—		
Tiddeman, H. T.—		
4959 Costs of Title and Assignment	9 8 6	
Re Garman (High-street, Islington)—(2077)—		
Francis, S.—		
4960 Costs of Arbitration	71 10 4	
Re Bermell (Goulston-street)—(2078)—		
Tiddeman, H. T.—		
4961 Costs of Title and Assignment	3 6 10	
Re Brierly (Goulston-street)—(2079)—		
Tiddeman, H. T.—		
4962 Costs of Title and Assignment	6 18 –	
Re J. C. C. Smith (Goulston-street)—(2080)—		
Carpenter, G. E.—		
4963 Proportion of Tenants' Rents in Nos. 1 to 4 Sugar Loaf-court, from Michaelmas to 9th August, 1883 (less Tax)	3 14 8	
		94 18 4
		£456 18 3

Your Committee submit, for the information of the Board, marked Catalogues and Accounts of sales by auction or by tender, of building materials, &c., of houses in Gray's-inn-road, &c., and Wells-street, Poplar, Goulston-street, &c., by Messrs. Horne, Eversfield and Co., on 3rd, 9th and 18th July, and 8th, 9th, 16th and 22nd August, and 21st September last—

Amount realised	£626 3 –
Commission £7 10s. per cent.	46 19 1
Amount received by Board, 22nd September, 1883 ...	£579 3 11

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 3rd August last (No. 59), from the London and Globe Telephone and Maintenance Company (Limited), referring to the permission given to them to run a cable over Vauxhall and Lambeth Bridges, and requesting that a similar privilege may be granted

to them with regard to Waterloo and Westminster Bridges. The Board cannot, of course, deal with this request, so far as Westminster Bridge is concerned, but with regard to Waterloo Bridge, they have conferred with your Engineer, and learn that the proposed new cable can be contained within an iron pipe 2½ inches in diameter, which would be unobjectionable. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the application to run a cable over Waterloo Bridge be granted, upon conditions similar to those upon which the Board have already granted permission to the same Company to run a cable upon the outside ledges of Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges.

On the 6th August last your Engineer reported to your Committee upon the subject of the Great Eastern Railway Company having removed a right-of-way door to, and built a part of their new wall upon, the Board's Main Sewer at Coborn-road, Bow, without the consent of the Board having been given to either work. Your Committee directed your Engineer to communicate with the Company's Engineer upon the matter in such terms as your Solicitor might advise, and this was accordingly done on the 14th August last. Your Engineer has now submitted a Letter from the Company's Engineer to the effect that he was unaware that the Sewer passed beneath the foundations of the wall, and asking that he might be furnished with a Plan of the Sewer in order that he might mark thereon the position and depth of the wall as regards the Sewer; and further proposing that, in lieu of the right-of-way door or gate-way, the Coborn-road Station entrance might be used for access to the Sewer. Your Engineer duly furnished the Plan of the Sewer, and ultimately received from the Company's Engineer a Letter, enclosing a tracing showing the section of the wall over the Sewer, and asking approval thereof. Your Engineer has had the Sewer, where built over, examined, and finds that it has not been injuriously affected by the works. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the works be sanctioned, upon condition that the Board, their Officers and agents, have always a right of access to the Sewer through the Company's premises, and that no claim be made by the Company for any works or damage, in consequence of any operations of the Board hereafter in connection with the Sewer, and further subject to those conditions being embodied in an Agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor of the Board.

Your Committee have considered the Tenders, referred to them on the 28th ultimo (No. 6), for the execution of day and measured works of every kind required, for a period of One year, in maintaining, cleansing, watering, &c., the carriage-ways and foot-ways of the Victoria Embankment and its approaches. As directed by the Board, your Engineer and your Accountant have reported to your Committee, and they find that the Tender of Messrs. Turner and Sons, the present Contractors, is the lowest. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the Tender of Messrs. Turner and Sons be accepted for a period of One year, from the 13th instant.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 28th ultimo (No. 58), from the Vestry of Bermondsey, asking the Board to include in a Streets Improvement Bill the scheme for widening Mill-street and Bermondsey-wall, conditionally upon the Vestry contributing an amount to be arranged. By direction of the Board, on the 13th July last, the Vestry were informed, in reply to a previous communication asking the Board to effect the proposed Improvement, that the Board were unable to regard the work as a Metropolitan one, but considered that it would be a valuable Local Improvement. With regard to the present application, your Committee see no objection to the Board taking the necessary steps to obtain Parliamentary powers for carrying out the Improvement, and they recommend—

That the Vestry be informed that, upon condition that they will contribute one-half of the cost of the scheme, the Board will include the same in some Bill to be promoted in Parliament.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 28th ultimo (No. 86), from the Vestry of St. Nicholas, Deptford, referring to an offer of the Kyrle Society to lay out the disused burial-ground in Wellington-street, Deptford, and

enquiring whether the Board would take over and maintain it. It is not the practice of the Board to maintain Open Spaces of this character, and your Committee recommend—

That the Vestry be so informed, in reply to their Letter.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter, referred to them on the 28th ultimo (No. 69), from the West Kent Sewerage Board, referring to this Board's decision not to avail themselves of the West Kent Sewerage system for the drainage of the Southern portion of the Parish of Eltham, and asking them for the reasons stated, in the Letter to re-consider their decision. The subject has been before the Board on many occasions during the last seven years, and the Resolution passed on the 6th July last, on the recommendation of your Committee, was arrived at after very full deliberation. On a further consideration of the circumstances, your Committee are unable to arrive at any other conclusion than that already reported, and they recommend—

That the West Kent Main Sewerage Board be informed that this Board see no reason to vary their decision in the matter.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) W. R. SELWAY,
W. H. DALTON,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
Wᴹ. SHEPHERD,
GEORGE HILL,
GEO. EDWARDS,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The marked Catalogues and Accounts of sales of building materials, &c., of houses in Gray's-inn-road, &c., and Wells-street, Poplar, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the London and Globe Telephone and Maintenance Company (Limited) for permission to run one of their cables over Waterloo Bridge to the South side of the River Thames, be granted during the pleasure of the Board, and subject to the whole of the works being executed in all respects to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the Board, and at the sole cost of the Company; that the Company do undertake to remove the cable from the Bridge upon receiving One month's notice from the Board requiring them to do so; and that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare an Agreement accordingly, and that the Company be informed that the Board have no control over Westminster Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That certain works erected by the Great Eastern Railway Company over the Board's Main Sewer in Coborn-road, Bow, be sanctioned, upon condition that the Board, their Officers and agents be on all occasions allowed a right of access to the Sewer through the Company's premises, and that no claim be made by the Company for any works or damage in consequence of any operations of the Board hereafter in connection with the Sewer, and that the conditions be embodied in an Agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Tender of Messrs. Turner and Sons for the maintenance, cleansing, watering, &c., of the carriage-ways and foot-ways, of the Victoria Embankment and its approaches for a period of One year from the 13th October instant, be accepted, and that the Solicitor do prepare the necesary Contract

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of Bermondsey be informed, in reply to their Letter, that, upon condition that they will contribute one-half of the cost of widening Mill-street and Bermondsey-wall, this Board will include the work in one of their Bills to be promoted in Parliament.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of St. Nicholas, Deptford, be informed, in reply to their Letter relative to a proposal to lay out the disused Burial-ground in Wellington-street, Deptford, that it is not the practice of the Board to maintain Open Spaces of that character.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the West Kent Main Sewerage Board be informed, in reply to their Letter asking this Board to re-consider their decision as to the drainage of the Southern portion of the Parish of Eltham, that the Board see no reason to vary their decision in the matter.

5. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 2nd October, 1883.

Your Committee have considered the application of W. Hudson, referred to them on the 3rd August last, asking the Board to re-consider the circumstances under which he was discharged from the Fire Brigade, and to grant him a pension instead of a gratuity. Hudson was a First-class Fireman, and was discharged on the 1st June last on account of partial blindness, which rendered him unfit for further service in the Brigade. The Medical Officer of the "D" District certified that Hudson was totally blind in the right eye, and that the blindness of the left eye was rapidly increasing; that the blindness was due to disease of the optic nerve, and was possibly caused by his having fallen into the River some years ago while serving on board one of the Floating Engines. As the Medical Officer's opinion of the cause of the blindness was so indefinite, your Committee did not feel justified in treating Hudson's infirmity as one caused by injuries received in the discharge of his duty, and the Board accordingly, on their recommendation, discharged Hudson with a gratuity of £74 4s. 2d., the amount to which he was entitled in respect of his completed ten years' service. Hudson, being of opinion that his blindness had resulted from the shock caused by his immersion in the River applied to the Board for a re-consideration of his case. As the opinion of the Board's Medical Officer was of an uncertain character, your Committee thought it desirable to obtain the opinion of a high authority upon diseases of the eye, and accordingly asked Mr. C. Bader, the opthalmic Surgeon of Guy's Hospital, to examine Hudson and report upon the probable cause of his blindness. Mr. Bader states that he believes the blindness to have been caused by injury to the brain, and, although the loss of sight occurred a considerable time after Hudson's fall into the River, he is of opinion that the brain mischief dates from that fall. He further states that the sight of one eye is completely lost, and that he fears that Hudson will lose the sight of the other, as both optic nerves show symptoms of wasting. With this opinion before them, your Committee feel themselves justified in treating Hudson's infirmity as having resulted from an injury received in the discharge of his duty; and they accordingly recommend the Board to grant him a pension of 15s. a week. The gratuity of £74 4s. 2d. has not been received by Hudson, and the Cheque, which was drawn by the Board on the 1st June, was cancelled on the 28th September last.

The Chief Officer has reported that First-class Fireman, J. W. May, died on the 14th August last, after an illness of four days. May was born in January, 1844, and joined the Brigade in August, 1868. He has left a widow and four children, whose ages vary from 6 to 16 years. Your Committee recommend—

That a gratuity of £20 be granted to the widow and children.

James Goodey, a Fourth-Class Fireman, having refused to obey the orders of his Officer was dismissed by the Chief officer on the 11th August last, the day after the Board adjourned. Your Committee recommend—

That the action of the Chief Officer be approved.

Richard Rockall, a Third-class Fireman, has been reported for having made out a

fraudulent receipt for money for a call and assistance in taking an Escape to a fire. Your Committee recommend—

That he be dismissed.

Your Committee have also to report that First-class Fireman Henry Hall, Second-class Fireman, Thomas E. Pettit, Third-class Fireman Frederick Herrington, and Fourth-class Firemen George Mitchell, Frederick W. Crates, Charles W. Scott, and Mark Taylor have withdrawn from the service, and that their names have accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Your Committee recommend—

That the following promotions be made, viz :—Second-class Firemen Frederick Stickland and Walter Davis to the First Class ; Third-class Firemen George R. Simpson, Charles Magnusson, and Olaf Thomson to the Second Class ; and Fourth-class Firemen Joseph Carter Thomas G. Goodchild, George W. Carter, and William Giles to the Third Class.

They have further to recommend—

That the under-mentioned men be enrolled in the Fourth-class of Firemen, to fill vacancies, viz :—William J. Pool, Alfred B. Mader, James Rice, William H. Strutt, William H. Marshall, Arthur Q. Tanner, John Fussell, William Graves, William Burley, John D. Brooker, William Rogers, Henry A. Cummings, William C. Hazell, Arthur J. Codling, John R. Caddick, Thomas Barker, Frederick Pack, William Cobbett, William Copelin, William B. Stringer, James Macdonald, James Carter, George Rumball, George H. Dawson, Thomas G. F. Tull, John Longley, Thomas Jeffery, Richard G. L. Smart, Thomas Hurlock, Robert B. Tweed, Frederick P. Raspison, and David P. Jenkins.

The Guardians of the Parish of Lambeth are desirous that the officers and boys at their schools in Lower Norwood should receive a course of instruction in the use of the fire-hose, so that they may be in a position to act in the event of a fire occurring in the building ; and the Guardians have asked that the Officer in charge of the Lower Norwood Fire Brigade Station, which is near the schools, may be allowed, during one year, to give the necessary instruction. It would appear that if this request were granted, the work need not interfere with the Officer's discharge of his duty. Subject to the Chief Officer being satisfied of this, your Committee are of opinion that the request of the Guardians should be acceded to. The Guardians state that they are willing, and that they are authorised by the Local Government Board to pay the sum of £10 for the Fire Brigade Officer's services, and your Committee are of opinion that the Officer may be allowed to receive this payment. They accordingly recommend the Board to authorise the arrangement.

Your Committee have to report that the horses supplied by Mr. Stapleton to the Tooley-street Station having lately been of a kind unsuitable for the Fire Brigade work, it has been necessary to make an alteration. Arrangements have accordingly been made with Mr. J. Murray to supply two horses for the sum of £143 a year.

Your Committee have authorised brakes to be fitted to twelve of the manual Engines, at a cost of £7 10s. each, making £90 in all. They have also given directions for a new rudder to be supplied to the floating engine "Dodo," at a cost of £31 10s.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. R. SELWAY,
GEORGE HILL,
W. J. WETENHALL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to W. Hudson, late a First-class Fireman, who, on the 1st. June last, was, on account of partial blindness, discharged with a gratuity of £74 4s. 2d., be approved, and that in place of the gratuity, a pension of 15s. a week be granted to him.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That a gratuity of £20 be given to the widow and children of Joseph W. May, late a First-class Fireman; and that a Cheque for the amount be now drawn; and a Cheque was drawn on the Fire Brigade Working Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the action of the Chief Officer, in dismissing Fourth-class Fireman James Goodey, for refusing to obey orders be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Third-class Fireman Richard Rockall be dismissed for misconduct.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the following promotions be made, viz.—Second-class Firemen Frederick Stickland and Walter Davis to the First Class; Third-class Firemen George R. Simpson, Charles Magnusson, and Olaf Thomson to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Firemen Joseph Carter, Thomas G. Goodchild, George W. Carter, and William Giles to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That William J. Pool, Alfred B. Mader, James Rice, William H. Strutt, William H. Marshall, Arthur Q. Tanner, John Fussell, William Graves, William Burley, John D. Brooker, William Rogers, Henry A. Cummings, William C. Hazell, Arthur J. Codling, John R. Caddick, Thomas Barker, Frederick Pack, William Cobbett, William Copelin, William B. Stringer, James Macdonald, James Carter, George Rumball, George H. Dawson, Thomas G. F. Tull, John Longley, Thomas Jeffery, Richard G. L. Smart, Thomas Hurlock, Robert B. Tweed, Frederick P. Raspison, and David P. Jenkins be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the Officer in charge of the Lower Norwood Station be allowed, during one year, to instruct the inmates of the Poor Law School at Lower Norwood in the use of the fire hose, &c., and that he be allowed to accept a payment of £10, which the Guardians are willing to make for the service.

6. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 2nd October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. C. Stone, for a Certificate by the Board, under the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with respect to the Hall at the rear of the "Three Cups" Coffee Tavern, in Matilda-place, Trafalgar-road, Greenwich, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 97). The Hall is 44 feet 6 inches long by 16 feet wide, and is capable of accommodating about 150 people. It has three external doors, all of which are made to open outwards. It is proposed to seat the audience in chairs, leaving a gangway, three feet wide, down the centre of the building. It is desired to use the Hall for entertainments, in which music will form part, and it is therefore necessary to apply to the Magistrates for a Music License. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, and that the Certificate be sealed, and be issued to the applicant.

Your Committee beg to submit herewith four Reports which they have received from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates' Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the works

ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

No. 84, Cable-street, Precinct of Wellclose-square.
„ 5, Wickham-street, Lambeth.
„ 7, ditto ditto.
„ 29, Stebondale-street, Poplar.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Collier and Merrin, on behalf of Messrs. Weston and Westall, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a one-storey building abutting on a passage leading out of the South side of Ridley-road, Dalston, in the position shown thereon, referred by the Board on the 27th July last (No. 82), and referred back on the 10th August last (No. 12). The proposed building is to be erected at a distance of only 5 feet 9 inches from the centre of the passage-way, and the Hackney District Board object to its erection. Your Committee have heard the parties interested, and have re-considered the application, but they see no reason to depart from their previous decision in the matter. They accordingly recommend—

That the application be not granted.

In accordance with the reference by the Board on Friday last (No. 114) your Committee have considered the application of Mr. C. Bell, on behalf of the Directors of the London and South-Western Bank, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1 and 2, Shirley-villas, Balham-road, Wandsworth, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application. The present Plan shows the proposed building brought out 15 feet beyond the general line of frontage in Balham-road. The applicant is prepared to widen the public way by giving up the strip of ground coloured Green on the amended Plan. The Wandsworth District Board disapprove of the proposal; and your Committee, being of opinion that the application is objectionable, recommend—

That it be not granted.

The Board on Friday last (No. 118) referred to your Committee the application of Mr. E. Gregg, on behalf of Dr. Barnardo, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an addition to the Mission-hall at the rear of the "Edinburgh Castle" Public-house, in Edinburgh-road, Mile-end Old-town. The extent of the proposed addition is 39 feet by 20 feet, and the height will be 13 feet to the eaves. The walls are to be constructed of wood, covered externally with corrugated iron, and supported on brick footings and concrete. The roof is of iron and wood, covered externally with slates. Your Committee, having regard to the isolated position of the building, and to the circumstances under which the application is made, are of opinion that the erection may properly be sanctioned by the Board for a term of years. They accordingly recommend—

That the application be granted for a period of Five years, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the whole of the structure.

Your Committee have to report that they have had before them a Report from your Solicitor, from which it appears that, in accordance with the instructions of the Board of the 15th June last (No. 7), he served a Penal Notice upon Mr. J. Rutter, under Section 6 of the Amendment Act of 1882, requiring the removal of the obstruction caused by the erection by him of a barrier across St. Quintin's-avenue, North Kensington. Your Solicitor now informs your Committee that he has received a Letter from the Vestry of Kensington, stating that the barrier was removed on the 6th August last. Your Committee beg to report the fact for the information of the Board.

Your Committee are also informed by your Solicitor that, acting upon the request of Mr. Foulsham, the District Surveyor for the District of Bromley, he attended at the hearing of a Summons taken out at the Thames Police-court against Mr. J. Sheen, of No. 1, Walpole-street, New-cross. The proceedings were taken in respect of a

structure of a temporary character, built of canvas and wood, which had been erected in Bow-common-lane, Bromley, without the License, in writing, of the Board, and contrary to the 13th Section of the Amendment Act of 1882. After hearing the evidence, the Magistrate convicted the Defendant, and fined him 40s., with 2s. costs. Your Committee beg to report the fact for the information of the Board.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Camberwell, relative to the formation of Pennethorne-road, Goldsmith-road, of a less width than 40 feet, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 119). The builder has proceeded to erect houses in Pennethorne-road, without giving the statutory width of 40 feet, and the erections are not in accordance with the Plan approved by the Board. Your Committee recommend—

> That the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice on the builder, and, if it be not complied with, to obtain a Summons.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letters from the Vestry of St. Marylebone and Mr. F. W. Hunt, relative to compliance with the conditions attached to the consent of the Board to the erection of buildings on the site of Nos. 66 to 80, Marylebone-road, referred by the Board on the 13th April, last (No. 65); and referred back on the 13th July, last (No. 16). The subject of the buildings, which were sanctioned by the Board on the 13th January, 1882, has been on several occasions under consideration by your Committee, who reported fully to the Board thereon on the 15th June last. The conditions originally imposed by the Board provided for the formation of a road-way from Marylebone-road to Nottingham-terrace, and the Vestry of St. Marylebone subsequently requested the Board to waive that requirement, and to allow the land to be laid out entirely as a garden. Your Committee have from time to time received from representatives of the Vestry, and from the Freeholders and Messrs. Tussaud statements of their respective views, and, upon re-considering all the facts of the case, your Committee are of opinion that the Board may properly relax the condition originally imposed with reference to the formation of a road-way, provided that the land be laid out and maintained as a public garden. The Solicitors of Messrs. Tussaud have given an assurance that they are willing to fulfil in this respect the requirements of the Board and the Parish authorities; but they state that it would not be possible for the garden to be laid out until the buildings have been completed. Your Committee think that the formation of the garden will terminate, to the satisfaction of the various parties concerned, the difficulties which have impeded the settlement of the matter, and your Committee recommend—

> That, upon Messrs. Tussaud giving an undertaking, to be approved by the Solicitor, providing for the making and maintenance of a garden on the site of the proposed new road-way, the Board do waive the conditions as to the formation of the road-way, attached to their consent, given on the 13th January, 1882; and that the parties be so informed.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. W. A. Godwin, on behalf of the City of London Real Property Company (Limited), for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of Offices at No. 21, Mincing-lane, City, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the Building Act, 1855, referred by the Board on the 3rd August, last (No. 11). An application for the consent of the Board to the construction of part of this building was refused on the 25th May last, The applicant has now submitted an amended Plan, which appears to your Committee to be unobjectionable; and they recommend—

> That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. C. A. Bannister, referring to the proceedings taken by the Board with regard to the erection of buildings, to be used as stables, opposite his client's houses in Wallgrave-terrace, Redfield-lane, Kensington, and asking the Board, for the reasons explained in his Letter, not to allow the said highway to be converted into a mews, referred by

the Board on the 22nd June, last (No. 60). In this case a Summons was issued against Messrs. Myers for making a carriage-way less than 40 feet in width; and, on the 29th ultimo, the Magistrate gave judgment to the effect that the road was not used for ordinary carriage traffic, and was consequently beyond the scope of the Acts governing streets. He accordingly dismissed the Summons, with costs, refusing to state a case for the Superior Court. Your Committee report these facts for the information of the Board, and they recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have had under consideration the application of Mr. J. Carline, Surveyor to the Lewisham District Board, on behalf of the Commissioners of Baths and Wash-houses, for the consent of this Board to the erection of Baths on the West side of Dartmouth-road, Forest-hill, North of Holy Trinity National Schools, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 13th July last (No. 59). It is proposed to erect the Baths on a vacant plot of ground in Dartmouth-road, abutting upon a narrow road-way leading out of that thoroughfare. The frontage of the building, as originally proposed, was brought out to a line 10 feet distant from the public way, but the applicant has now submitted an amended Plan, showing an improved frontage line 15 feet from the road. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted upon condition, that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Colonel C. Alexander, M.P., transmitting three Letters with reference to the course taken by Mr. E. D. Drury, District Surveyor, respecting certain alterations at No. 11, Great Queen-street, Westminster, referred by the Board on the 3rd August last (No 60). The enclosures contained in Colonel Alexander's Letter were forwarded, by direction of your Committee, to Mr. Drury, who has prepared a full statement of the facts of the case. It appears that the alterations referred to were delayed for 15 days to meet the convenience of Colonel Alexander, during which time the occupier of the adjoining house called almost daily at the office of the District Surveyor to request attention to the matter. The course taken by Mr. Drury appears to your Committee to have been fully justified, and they recommend—

That Colonel Alexander be informed that the Board see no reason to disapprove of the course taken by the District Surveyor in the matter.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. B. Gale, on behalf of Mr. H. Pearson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on the forecourts of Nos. 747A and 749, Old Kent-road, Camberwell, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 10th August last (No. 72). The applicant proposes to erect one-storey shops upon the forecourts, in continuation of a line of shops already approved by the Board. Your Superintending Architect considers the Plan satisfactory, and the Vestry of Camberwell offer no objection to the proposal. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration the Letter from the Vestry of Hampstead, relative to the erection of buildings in the Edgware-road, at the corner of Palmerston-road, alleged to be in advance of the general line of buildings in the Edgware-road, referred by the Board on the 10th August last (No. 77). In addition to the Letter which was the subject of the reference, a communication has been received from the occupier of the "Lord Palmerston" Tavern, in the Edgware-road, enquiring whether the buildings in question were being erected with the approval of the Board. A Plan has been prepared by your Superintending

Architect, showing that the houses are set back 13 feet from the outside of the kerb, a strip of ground being given up to widen the public way. The consent of the Board does not appear to have been given to the erections, but your Superintending Architect points out that the general line of frontage in the Edgware-road is somewhat irregular. Your Committee recommend—

That the Vestry be informed, in reply to their Letter, that the buildings in question were not erected with the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. A. Billing, on behalf of Messrs. Talbot and Lugg, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Gladdish's Wharf, Shad Thames, St. Olave, Southwark, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 10th August last (No. 82). The proposed erection slightly reduces the waterway of St. Saviour's Dock, but a piece of ground is given up sufficient to compensate for that encroachment. The St. Olave District Board approve of the proposal. Your Committee recommend—

That the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. H. H. Collins, on behalf of Mr. Rogers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of Nos. 365 and 367, Oxford-street, St. George, Hanover-square, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855, referred by the Board on the 10th August last (No. 95). The pilasters and shop front of the proposed building are carried up two floors, the brickwork of the front wall commencing at the level of the second floor. The side wall above the ground floor is carried on iron columns. Your Committee, after a careful consideration of the Plans submitted, are of opinion that the consent of the Board may be given to the proposed erections, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

In accordance with the reference made to them by the Board on the 28th ultimo (No. 100), your Committee have had before them the application of Mr. F. J. Eedle, on behalf of Mr. J. H. Billinghurst, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 21 and 25, Waterloo-street, and Nos. 124 to 130, George-street, Camberwell, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposed erections form a continuation of the one-storey shops at present existing, and they cover the whole area of the forecourts of six houses in Waterloo-street and George-street. Your Committee concur with your Superintending Architect in thinking the Plan unobjectionable; and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. R. J. Dickins, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 211 to 223, Albany-road, Camberwell, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 28th ultimo (No. 102). It is proposed to make the foot-way in front of the shops 10 feet wide, by giving up the ground coloured Blue on the Plan, to form part of the public way. Your Committee see no objection to the application, and they recommend—

That it be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of

Mr. F. Batty, on behalf of Mr. T. K. Young, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a workshop on the South side of Armadale-road, Fulham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 104). The proposed building will have a frontage of about 40 feet upon Armadale-road, and will be in a line with the premises adjoining on the East side. Your Committee think the proposal unobjectionable, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. B. Tabberer, on behalf of the Building Committee of Southwark-park Chapel, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey school building on the West side of Deptford-lower-road, Rotherhithe, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 111). The proposed building is 11 feet high to the eaves of the roof, and is situated between No. 1A, Deptford-lower-road, and the Chapel in that road at the corner of Hawkstone-road. The North-East corner of the school building projects 7 feet 4 inches in advance of the general line of buildings in Suffolk-place. The Vestry of Rotherhithe and the adjoining Owner object to the proposal. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have, in accordance with the reference by the Board on Friday last (No. 120), considered the Letters from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, and Mr. F. Lycett, relative to a deviation from the Plan approved by the Board for the formation of Castletown-road and Charleville-road, Baron's-court Estate, Fulham. It appears that Messrs. Gibbs and Flew, who have purchased the whole of the land on the Western side of Vereker-road, have diminished the width of the two roads referred to in the Letters to 41 feet, instead of forming them of a width of 45 feet and 48 feet respectively, as shown on the Plan approved by the Board. The width of the two roads is somewhat in excess of the minimum width required by Section 87 of the Metropolis Local Management Amendment Act, and your Committee think that this is not a case in which the Board can be advised to take any action. They recommend—

That Mr. Moseley and Mr. Lycett be informed, in reply to their Letters, that, in the opinion of the Board, it is inexpedient that any action should be taken in the matter.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. Stone, for a Certificate by the Board, under the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with respect to the Hall at the rear of the "Three Cups" Coffee Tavern, in Matilda-place, Trafalgar-road, Greenwich, be granted; and that the Certificate be sealed, and be issued to the applicant.

The Clerk laid before the Board the Certificate, prepared in accordance with the foregoing Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Certificate; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure No. 84, Castle-street, Wellclose Precinct, had failed to comply with the Order made by Franklin Lushington, Esquire, one of the

Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Thames Police-court, on the 10th day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the defective portion of the East party-wall in the basement of No. 84, Castle-street, Wellclose Precinct.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner and occupier of the structure, No. 5, Wickham-street, Lambeth, had failed to comply with the Orders made by George Chance, Esquire, and Robert John Biron, Esquire, two of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Lambeth Police-court, on the 23rd day of June last, and on the 11th day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the water-closet at the rear of No. 5, Wickham-street, Lambeth.

The Report of the Building Act Committee, of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner and occupier of the structure No. 7, Wickham-street, Lambeth, had failed to comply with the Orders made by George Chance, Esquire, and Robert John Biron, Esquire, two of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Lambeth Police-court, on the 23rd day of June last, and the 11th day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the water-closet at the rear of No. 7, Wickham-street, Lambeth.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner and occupier of the structure No. 29, Stebondale-street, Poplar, had failed to comply with the Orders made by Franklin Lushington, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Thames Police-court, on the 29th day of June last, and on the 31st day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the defective portions of the house, No. 29, Stebondale-street, Poplar, and the stable at the rear thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application of Messrs. Collier and Merrin, on behalf of Messrs. Weston and Westall, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a one-storey building abutting on a passage leading out of the South side of Ridley-road, Dalston, in the position shown thereon, be not granted.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Runtz, and seconded by Mr. Harben—That the application be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared to be carried; and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. Bell, on behalf of the Directors of the London and South-Western Bank, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1 and 2, Shirley-villas, Balham-road, Wandsworth, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. E. Gregg, on behalf of Dr. Barnardo, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an addition to the Mission-hall at the rear of the "Edinburgh Castle" Public-house, in Edinburgh-road, Mile-end Old-town, be granted for a period of Five years, from this date, upon condition that the owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the whole of the structure.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of Camberwell, with respect to the formation of Pennethorne-road, Goldsmith-road, of a less width than 40 feet, be approved, and that the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice on the builder, and, if it be not complied with, to obtain a Summons.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letters from the Vestry of St. Marylebone and Mr. F. W. Hunt, with respect to compliance with the conditions attached to the consent given by the Board to the erection of buildings on the site of Nos. 66 to 80, Marylebone-road, be approved; and that, upon Messrs. Tussaud entering into an undertaking, to be approved by the Solicitor, providing for the making and maintenance of a garden on the site of the proposed new road-way, the Board do waive the conditions as to the formation of the road-way, attached to their consent given on the 13th January, 1882; and that the parties be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. A. Godwin, on behalf of the City of London Real Property Company (Limited), for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of Offices with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the Building Act, 1885, at No. 21, Mincing-lane, City, be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the proceedings taken by the Board with regard to the erection of buildings, to be used as stables, in Wallgrave-terrace, Redfield-lane, Kensington, be approved, and that the reference to the Committee be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. Carline, Surveyor to the Lewisham District Board, on behalf of the Commissioners of Baths and Wash-houses, for the consent of this Board to the erection of Baths on the West side of Dartmouth-road, Forest-hill, North of Holy Trinity National Schools, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, upon condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Colonel Alexander be informed, in reply to his Letters with reference to the course taken by Mr. E. Dru-Drury, District Surveyor, respecting certain alterations at No. 11, Great Queen-street,

Westminster, that the Board see no reason to disapprove of the course taken by Mr. Drury in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded and resolved—That the application of Mr. B. Gale, on behalf of Mr. H. Pearson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on the forecourts of Nos. 747A and 749, Old Kent-road, Camberwell, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of Hampstead, with respect to the erection of buildings in the Edgware-road, at the corner of Palmerston-road, alleged to be in advance of the general line of buildings in the Edgware-road, be approved, and that the Vestry be informed that the buildings in question were not erected with the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. Billing, on behalf of Messrs. Talbot and Lugg, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Gladdish's Wharf, Shad Thames, St. Olave, Southwark, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. H. H. Collins, on behalf of Mr. Rogers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of Nos. 365 and 367, Oxford-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855, be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. F. J. Eedle, on behalf of Mr. J. H. Billinghurst, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 21 and 25, Waterloo-street, and Nos. 124 to 130, George-street, Camberwell, to the lines shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. R. J. Dickins, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 211 to 223, Albany-road, Camberwell, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. F. Batty, on behalf of Mr. T. K. Young, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a workshop on the South side of Armadale-road, Fulham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. B. Tabberer, on behalf of the Building Committee of Southwark-park Chapel, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey school-building on the West side

of Deptford Lower-road, Rotherhithe, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letters from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, and Mr. F. Lycett, on the subject of a deviation from the Plan approved by the Board for the formation of Castletown-road and Charleville-road, Baron's-court Estate, Fulham, be approved, and that Mr. Moseley and Mr. Lycett be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, it is inexpedient that any action should be taken in the matter.

7. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th October, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following District Boards and Vestry—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
FULHAM.				
Dunsany and Haarlem Roads, Brook-green	670	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
Barb-mews, Hammersmith ...	460	12 „	„	
PLUMSTEAD.				
Brightfield-road, Lee ...	734	12-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
ISLINGTON.				
Highgate-hill	640	15-inch.	pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said District Boards and Vestry be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

8. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th October, 1883, on applications from the Hackney District Board, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purpose therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
1883.					
27th Sept.	Lordship-road, between Queen Elizabeth's-walk and Woodberry-down.	Repairing road-way.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	Lordship-park and Green Lanes.
28th „	Dalston-lane, between Pembury-road and Mare-street.	Do.	10 days.	10 days.	Amhurst, &c., Roads.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the Hackney District Board, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

9. The Engineer laid before the Board a Report, as follows—

Engineer's Department, Spring-gardens,
1st October, 1883.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SEVERAL SPECIAL CONTRACT WORKS.

Ratcliff-highway, &c., Sewers Relief Lines.—Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Contractors.—About 19,000 feet run of brick sewers, varying in size from 7 feet 3 inches, barrel, to 4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches, egg-shape, are constructed, at an estimated cost, with other works in connection therewith, of £73,000, of which £2,000 are due to the past two months' progress. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. J. Fixter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Whitechapel and Limehouse (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Mr. F. H. Colepeper, Contractor.

Goulston-street, Whitechapel (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Mr. J. J. Griffiths, Contractor.

Whitecross-street, St. Luke's (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Messrs. Mowlem and Co., Contractors.

Bowman's-buildings, Marylebone (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Messrs. Nowell and Robson, Contractors.

Kentish-town Improvement.—Messrs. Nowell and Robson, Contractors.

The works comprised in these several Contracts are complete.

Essex-road, Islington (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme—Messrs. Nowell and Robson, Contractors. —A total length of 1,960 feet of brick and pipe Sewers are constructed, and 2,300 yards super. of granite carriage-way, and 13,000 feet super of York stone foot-way laid, at an estimated cost, with other works in connection therewith, of £5,800, of which £4,900 are due to the progress made in the past two months. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. T. Panter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Gray's-inn-road Improvement.—Mr. J. J. Griffiths has made a commencement with the works contained in this Contract (lately undertaken by him for £10,180). The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. G. Skipper, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Wormwood-scrubs.—Messrs. Kellett and Bentley, Contractors.—The greater portion of the ground is excavated and the ballast is being burned for the purpose of forming foundations for the new road-way across the Scrubs. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. J. Scott, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Ranelagh and King's Scholars' Pond Sewers Relief Lines.—Messrs. McCrea and McFarland, Contractors, have lately made a commencement with the works (undertaken by them for £96,300) of constructing these relief Sewers. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. W. Morton, at a weekly cost of £4 4s.

Deptford Storm Overflow.—Messrs. Pearson and Son, Contractors.—Lengths of 2,441 feet of sewer (13 ft. 6 in. by 11 ft. in size), and 1,284 feet of sewer (3 ft. by 2 ft. in size) are complete, and a further length of 150 feet of the larger of the two sewers is in progress. The estimated value of these, and of other works in connection therewith, is £20,620, of which £4,940 represent the progress made in the past two months. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. H. Noble and W. Martin, at a weekly cost of £7 7s.

Clapham to Putney Relief Sewers.—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—About 8,000 feet run of new sewers, varying in size from 9 ft. by 6 ft. to 5 ft. by 4 ft. 6 in., are complete, and further lengths of about 70 feet are in progress. The estimated value of these and of other works in connection therewith is £29,540, of which £8,410 are due to the past two months' progress. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. C. Bedloe, R. Lynn, W. Dennis, J. Judd, G. Beagley, and J. Ward, at a weekly cost of £18 18s.

Waterloo Bridge (Strengthening Foundations).—Mr. W. Webster, Contractor.—The works in connection with the second, third, fourth, and fifth piers from the Surrey end of the Bridge are complete. The permanent piling around the first Surrey pier is driven, and about one-fourth of the concrete apron laid. Permanent work has been executed to the value, approximately, of £32,000, of which £3,000 are due to the progress made in the past two months. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. A. Boag and B. Butcher, at a weekly cost of £6 6s.

Wandsworth Bridge.—Messrs. B. Cooke and Co., Contractors.—With the exception of tarring the bases of the cylindrical piers, and which operation is now fast approaching completion, the whole of the works comprised in this Contract have for some time past been completed. The Clerk of Works employed upon this and other works is Mr. T. Carey, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Putney (New) Bridge.—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—The Contract work specified in connection with the new Putney Draw-dock has been practically completed, and its authorised re-construction is also complete. The temporary staging across the River, the Northern and Southern abutment coffer dams, and the first Surrey and the first Middlesex pier coffer dams are complete, and the concreting, &c., of the Northern and Southern abutments and the sinking of the Surrey pier caissons are in course of execution. The original aqueduct and the water mains have been removed. The brick Sewer (4 ft. by 2 ft. 8 in. in size) under the Northern Approach road-way to the Bridge, and the retaining and screen walls to the Fulham Vicarage are nearly completed. The total value of the permanent work executed is about £32,000, of which about £10,000 represent the progress due to the past two months. The

Clerk of Works and the Piling Inspector employed are Mr. J. Rigg and Mr. G. Creighton, at a weekly cost of £5 13s.

Deptford-creek Bridge.—Mr. G. Moss, Contractor.—The temporary timber bascule Bridge is erected, and the original iron structure is partly removed. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. P. Sharpe, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, and that it be printed and circulated among the Members of the Board.

10. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 4th October, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. C. L. Heiser, suggesting the ventilation of Sewers by means of furnaces fixed in the ventilating shafts; stating that the suggestion had been often considered and reported upon, and that it was necessary only now to repeat that, as a general mode of ventilation, it was impracticable.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

11. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 3rd October, 1883, on a Letter from the West Ham Local Board, relative to the dangerous condition of the Bridge carrying Marsh-gate-lane over the River Lee, and expressing the opinion that the owners of the property abutting upon the Lane should co-operate for the purpose of re-instating the Bridge; stating that the Bridge is a small structure crossing the River, and is about 1,800 feet distant from the Board's Northern Outfall Sewer Bridge which crosses Marsh-gate-lane at the point shown at B. upon the Plan accompanying the Report; that the Board had a small frontage to the Lane at this latter point, and that it was therefore assumed that they are under some liability for the maintenance of the Bridge, and recommending that the Solicitor should advise the Board upon the subject of their liability, if any.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

12. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 3rd October, 1883, submitting a Letter from Mr. Livesey, the Engineer of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, to the effect that the Company were about to lay a large Main along Creek-street, Deptford, and enquiring whether the new Bridge was to be a fixed or lifting structure, and if a lifting Bridge, whether any arrangements could be now advantageously made with the Contractor to lay the portion of the Main under the bed of the Creek; recommending that Mr. Livesey should be informed that the Bridge is to be a lifting one, and that the Main must be kept quite clear of it.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

13. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 3rd October, 1883, submitting a Letter from Mr. J. White, who had been in the employ of the Board, from time to time, during the last 19 years as a Special Clerk of Works, asking the Board to grant him some compensation upon the alleged ground that whilst he was employed in November last upon the Hackney to Limehouse relief Sewer works he was rendered insensible by the foul air arising from the Sewer, and which ultimately resulted in blood poisoning and paralysis, thereby rendering him incapable of following any employment; also submitting a Certificate from Dr. Sedgwick Saunders to the effect that Mr. White suffered severely from blood poisoning last autumn, and that his state of health was entirely due to his exposure to sewer gases during the past few years; stating that Mr. White was first employed by the Board in August, 1864, upon the Thames Embankment, North, works, and had remained in their employment upon that and other works until September, 1877; that he was re-employed for a few weeks in 1879; and that in November, 1882, he was employed to superintend a section of the Hackney to

Limehouse relief sewer works; that the air in that section of the work was bad from the large development of mephitic gas in it, and to that, his latest attack of illness was attributed; that he (the Engineer) had reported the case to the Board on the 5th January last, to the effect that White had then been absent from work for three weeks, and that the Board had then granted him a further leave of absence for a fortnight, at the expiration of which time, being unable to resume his duties, he had been discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

14. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th October, 1883, stating that the following quantities of Coal were required for use at the undermentioned Pumping Stations—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
Deptford Station.	
300 Tons of Tanfield Moor Coal	200 0 0
Western Station.	
75 Tons of Welsh Coal	60 6 3
75 Tons of Tanfield Moor Coal	52 10 0
Total	£312 16 3

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th October, 1883, recommending the execution, under the General Contract, of work for casting out sand from the auxiliary pump wells and culverts at the Crossness Pumping Station, at an estimated cost of £70.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the work be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 4th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Highways, &c., Committee of the Vestry of St. Pancras, relative to complaints of offensive smells emitted from the ventilating gratings over the main Sewers in the Parish, and expressing a hope that the Board would take active steps to disinfect those Sewers with carbolic acid, so as to accord with the system adopted by the Vestry with regard to the Local Sewers; stating that he (the Engineer) had been paying particular attention to the flushing and cleansing of the Main Sewers in the District, and had not allowed any deposit which emitted noxious smells to accumulate, and had thus been enabled as yet to dispense with the use of Carbolic acid; but that, should any special means become requisite to keep the Sewers free from deposit, and to prevent, as far as possible, the emission of offensive smells, those means would be adopted at the necessary points; and recommending that the Vestry Committee should be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Furniss, and seconded—That the Report be received, and that a copy thereof be sent to the Vestry of St. Pancras.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. Ingoldby—That the Report be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject of the ventilation of Sewers.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared to be carried; and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

17. A Deputation from the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, introduced by Mr. Dalton, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz., Mr. R. Fairbairn,

Mr. F. Hailer, Mr. J. Horner, Mr. F. Wigington, Mr. N. Harper, Mr. F. Featherstone, Mr. R. Cushion, and Mr. H. T. Hill, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

October 5th, 1883.

The Memorial of the Political Committee of the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned, representing the opinions and views of the working men of the District of Rotherhithe, and the adjacent parishes, of all shades of opinion, respectfully represent to your Honourable Board the desirability of amending the 26th Bye-law relating to the right of Public Meetings in the Parks and Open Spaces under the control of the Board.

The Board is respectfully reminded that, whereas, in times past, large spaces of open ground existed in the various districts, and which are now built upon, where District Public Meetings were held, and as Meetings in the street is unlawful, we believe the Board would by so amending the 26th Bye-law, and allow Public Meeting in the Parks and Open Spaces under their control, be acting in the interest of public policy, and conducing to the general peace of the districts.

Your Memorialists would further remind the Board that this representation has been, and is now, supported by all the organised trades and political clubs of the Metropolis, upon the ground that the Parks and Open Spaces are supported by the ratepayers.

And that to in any way interfere with, or abridge the right of the public to properly use and enjoy, in whatever form, the Parks and Open Spaces under the control of your Honourable Board is seriously affecting the liberty of the subject of these realms.

We, with all loyal citizens, are in favour of proper rule and regulations, and our chief aim will be, while enjoying our privileges, not to in any way jeopardise or forfeit any of them.

We respectfully trust that your Honourable Board will so amend the said 26th Bye-law, and give full notice of the same, that further agitation upon the matter may become unnecessary, and we will, as in duty bound,

Ever pray,

(Signed) HENRY THOMAS HILL, President.
RICHARD FAIRBAIRN, Secretary.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

18. The Solicitor suggested the desirability of a reference being made to the Works and General Purposes Committee to carry out the provisions of the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act, 1883, and he laid before the Board a form of Order which he had prepared for the purpose.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded and resolved—That the said form of Order be approved and adopted. It was thereupon Resolved and Ordered, as follows—

The Board having considered the provisions of the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act, 1883—hereinafter called the Act, and the Fifth Section of the Act, which provides that "the Board may from time to time appoint a Committee, or authorise any Committee "or Committees appointed by the Board for other purposes, to manage and transact "all or any of the matters or purposes which the Board are by this Act empowered to "do or perform, and any such Committee shall have so much, or so many, of the "powers by this Act conferred on the Board, as from time to time the Board may see "fit to delegate to them,"—and being satisfied that the objects and purposes of the Act would be better managed by means of a Committee, doth, until further order, and subject to any further delegation of authority, or variation from time to time, hereby Resolve and Order—That it be referred to a Committee, called the Works and General Purposes Committee, consisting of all the Members of the Board (of whom six shall form a quorum for all purposes other than that of ordering Cheques or Warrants for payment of money, for which purpose the quorum of the

Committee shall be Nine) to execute the powers of the Act relating to the purchase, acquisition and conveyance of lands, rights, easements, and interests required to be taken, or dealt with, or affecting the Improvements authorised by the Act, and works connected therewith; and also to make arrangements and execute all powers with regard to lands, tenements, and hereditaments; and especially to carry into effect all the provisions as to the Labouring Classes contained in the 37th and 38th Sections of the Act, and to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State for any of the purposes mentioned in the said 38th Section, and further to make all arrangements, and execute all powers as to the construction of the new or widened streets, and the execution of the works by the Act authorised, and for settling or adjusting all claims, disputes or questions as to any subjects arising under the Act, and also as to raising and lowering streets and pavements, and laying out streets, making subways, altering pipes, laying out foot-ways, making and altering sewers, and any works connected with such Improvements, and also to give such authority as may be necessary to enter upon, survey and acquire possession of any lands and premises required for the purposes of the said Act, and, further, in execution of the powers of the Act, to give instructions for notices to treat, for judicial and other proceedings, for assessing and settling purchase or compensation-moneys by agreement, or otherwise, and to seal and execute all Jury Notices, Jury Warrants, Offers of Compensation, Appointments of Arbitrators, and Notices of Arbitrations, and to enter into Contracts, and rescind the same, and to alter or vary Contracts, to accept Titles, and to enter into such arrangements and agreements, whether under Seal or not, for effectuating all or any of the purposes above delegated, as fully and completely as if the matters were executed and performed by the Board; and, further, to lease or to let, or exchange, or to sell, any lands which may be acquired by the Board for the purposes of the same Act, at such rents, and upon such terms as the Committee may think expedient, and to approve of any buildings to be erected upon such lands, and of any Specification or Tender for such lands. And the Board doth hereby further Resolve and Order that it be referred to the same Works and General Purposes Committee, to execute such of the powers of the Act as may be necessary to free the Foot-bridges mentioned therein from Toll, and to throw the said Foot-bridges open for the use of the public, and with that object to serve the Companies, bodies, or persons referred to in the Act, with all proper notices, and to consider such claims as may be made by any such Company, body, or person, or by any person in relation to the said Bridges, and to agree or settle the amount of any purchase-money or compensation, payable to every such Company, body, or person under the provisions of the Act, or to refer any such claim to Arbitration or to a Jury, and to appoint an Arbitrator or Umpire, or to take all such proceedings as may be necessary to obtain a valid award or the Verdict of a Jury, and to obtain all such legal or other advice and assistance as may be necessary to enable the Committee to carry out the provisions of the Act, and to enter upon, take possession of, and to throw open the said Bridges, and, when the purchase-money or compensation payable in respect of any Bridge, shall have been ascertained, to pay the amount to the Company, body, or person referred to in the Act, as competent to give a discharge for the same, and in other cases to pay the amount to Her Majesty's Paymaster General, as prescribed by the said Act, and for the purposes aforesaid, to affix the Seal of the Board to all such Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, and documents as may be necessary. And it is further Ordered that, for the carrying out the several duties prescribed by the Act, the said Committee be authorised to draw upon the funds of the Board, appropriated to the Act, and that the Cheques be signed by the Chairman of the Board, or, in his absence, by his duly appointed Deputy, and two Members of the Committee, and be countersigned by the Clerk, and the Accountant of the Board, and further, that the said Committee, in execution of, and according to, the Act, may sell any buildings or materials, and also any lands not required for the purposes of the Act, and treat for and sell and make Leases of any such lands, and make all arrangements and execute all Deeds and acts connected with the execution of the provisions of the Act, for fully and effectually carrying into effect

the terms of this Resolution as fully as the Board itself is empowered to do, and further that the said Committee do at each Meeting report to the Board the Cheques drawn, if any, and as to all other proceedings taken under this reference, that the said Committee do report the same not less frequently than once a month.

19. The Solicitor suggested the desirability of a reference being made to the Works and General Purposes Committee to carry out the provisions of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges &c.) Act, 1883, so far as they relate to the acquisition of the undertaking of the East and West Ferry Roads, and of the lands required for the erection of the temporary Bridge at Hammersmith, and also a reference to the Bridges Committee of the provisions of the same Act which relate to the execution of the works at Hammersmith Bridge, and he laid before the Board forms of Orders which he had prepared for the purpose.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the suggested Orders of reference, under the Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges, &c.) Act, 1883, to the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Bridges Committee, be approved.

It was thereupon resolved and ordered, as follows—

The Board having considered the provisions of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges, &c.) Act, 1883, hereinafter called the Act, and the Fifth Section of the Act, which provides that—" the Board may, from time to time, appoint a Committee, or " authorise a Committee or Committees appointed by the Board for other purposes, to " manage and transact all or any of the matters or purposes which the Board are by " this Act empowered to do or perform, and any such Committee shall have so much or " so many of the powers by this Act conferred on the Board as from time to time " the Board may see fit to delegate to them ; "—and being satisfied that the objects and purposes of the Act, so far as they relate to the purchase, acquisition, temporary user or conveyance of such lands, rights, easements, and interests as may be necessary for the purposes of the approaches, roads, and works mentioned in the Act, and the acquisition of the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company, and the arrangement of compensation to be paid to officers of the same Company, therein referred to, would be better managed by means of a Committee, doth hereby, pursuant to the powers of the Act, and of every other power enabling them in that behalf, and until further order, and subject to any further delegation of authority, or variation from time to time, hereby Resolve and Order, on the motion of Mr. Dalton—That it be referred to a Committee, called the Works and General Purposes Committee, consisting of all the Members of the Board (of whom Six shall form a quorum for all purposes, other than that of ordering Cheques or Warrants for payment of money, for which purpose the quorum of the Committee shall be Nine) to execute the powers of the Act relating to the purchase, acquisition, and conveyance or arrangement for temporary use of lands, rights, easements. and interests required to be taken or dealt with or temporarily used, or affecting the approaches, roads, and works authorised by the Act, and the acquisition of the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company, and the arrangement of compensation to be paid to officers of the same Company, and further to make all arrangements and execute all powers for settling or adjusting all claims, disputes, or questions as to any subjects arising with reference to the aforesaid provisions of the Act, and also to give such authority as may be necessary to enter upon, survey, and acquire possession, either permanently or temporarily, of any lands and premises required for the purposes of the Act, and to take all such proceedings as may be necessary to acquire compulsory possession of any such lands and premises; and, further, in execution of the powers of the Act, to give instructions for Notices to Treat, for judicial and other proceedings, for assessing and settling purchase or compensation moneys, by agreement or otherwise, and to seal and execute or to direct the signing of all such Jury Notices, Jury Warrants, Offers of Compensation, Appointments of Arbitrators, and Notices of Arbitrations, and to enter into Contracts, and rescind the same, and to alter or vary

Contracts, to accept Titles, and to enter into such arrangements and Agreements, whether under Seal or not, for effectuating all or any of the purposes above delegated, as fully and completely as if the matters were executed and performed by the Board; and, further, to lease or to let, or exchange any lands which may be acquired by the Board for the purposes of the Act, at such rents, and upon such terms as the Committee may think expedient, and to approve of any buildings to be erected upon such lands, and of any Specification or Tender for such lands. And the Board doth hereby further Order that, for the further carrying out of these several duties the said Committee be authorised to draw upon the funds of the Board, appropriated for the purposes of the Act, or upon any funds to be hereafter appropriated for the purposes of the Act, and that the Cheques be signed by the Chairman of the Board, or in his absence, by his duly appointed Deputy, and by two Members of the Committee, and be countersigned by the Clerk and the Accountant of the Board; and, further, that the said Committee may, in execution of the powers of the Act, sell any buildings or materials, and also any lands not required for the purposes of the Act, and treat for, and sell, and make Leases of any such lands, and make all arrangements, and execute all deeds and acts connected with the execution of the provisions of the Act, for fully and effectually carrying into effect the terms of this Resolution, as fully as the Board itself is empowered to do, and further that the said Committee do at each Meeting report to the Board the Cheques drawn, if any, and as to all other proceedings taken under this reference, that the said Committee do report the same not less frequently than once a month.

The Board having considered the provisions of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges, &c.), Act, 1883, hereinafter called the Act, and the Fifth Section of the Act, which provides that—"the Board may, from time to time, "appoint a Committee, or authorise a Committee or Committees, appointed by the "Board for other purposes, to manage and transact all or any of the matters "or purposes which the Board are by this Act empowered to do or perform, "and any such Committee shall have so much or so many of the powers by this "Act conferred on the Board as from time to time the Board may see fit to delegate "to them"—and the Board being satisfied that the objects and purposes of the Act, so far as they relate to the removal, construction, alteration, maintenance, repair, regulation or management of the existing or temporary Bridge, Approaches, Roads, Waterways, and Works therein referred to, ought to be carried into effect by means of a Committee, this Board doth hereby, pursuant to the powers of the Act, and of every other power enabling them in that behalf, and until further order, and subject to any further delegation of authority, or variation from time to time, hereby Resolve and Order, on the motion of Mr. Dalton—That it be referred to a Committee called the "Bridges Committee," consisting of Fifteen Members of the Board, of whom Three shall form a quorum, to execute such of the aforesaid powers of the Act as may be necessary to carry the same into effect, and to obtain all such advice and assistance as may be necessary to enable the Committee to carry out such provisions of the Act, and to settle the amount of remuneration for such services, and to execute such works of removal, construction, alteration, maintenance, and repair, as may be necessary with reference thereto, and for that purpose to employ such person or persons as the Committee may deem expedient, and to make such Agreements as are authorised by the Act with the West Middlesex Waterworks Company, and further to make all arrangements as to the construction of both the temporary and permanent Bridges, and of the new and widened approaches, and the execution of works with reference thereto, and also as to raising and lowering streets and pavements, and laying out streets, making subways, altering pipes, laying out foot-ways, making and altering sewers, and any works connected with such approaches and roads, as to the said Committee shall seem fit, and generally to make and execute all other works which the Board is authorised to execute under the provisions of the Act, and also to give such authority

as may be necessary to enter upon and survey any lands and premises required for the purposes of the Act, and further, the said Committee may take all steps for fully and effectually carrying into effect the terms of this Resolution as fully as the Board itself is empowered to do. Provided always, that before entering into any Contract involving the expenditure of a sum of money exceeding Five thousand Pounds, the Committee shall report upon the same to the Board, and obtain special authority for that purpose. And it is further Ordered that the said Committee do report all proceedings taken under this reference not less frequently than once a month.

20. The Solicitor presented copies of the undermentioned Acts which had received the Royal Assent last Session—

North London Tramways Act, 1883.
Paddington Market Act, 1883.
Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1883.
Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1883.
Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Paddington Market Act be referred to the Engineer, to see that the Board's provisions with respect to Sewers are duly observed.

21. The Solicitor stated that, with respect to any Bills to be promoted by the Board in the next Session of Parliament, a Gazette Notice would have to be inserted on or about the 12th of November next.

22. The Solicitor stated that notice of any Schemes, under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, would have to be given during three consecutive weeks in the month of November next, but that the Improvement Schemes, with Plans and Estimates, must be deposited at the Home Office before the insertion of the first Notice, and that practically, therefore, as to those Schemes, the Plans and Books of Reference must be completed by the end of the second week of November.

23. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Contract with Messrs. Smith Brothers, for the execution of works at the Gas-meter Testing-house in White Lion-street, Shoreditch.

Conveyance to the City Bank (Limited), of Plots Nos. 61 and 62, in Great Eastern-street (Old-street to Shoreditch Improvement).

Contract with the Trustees of the Darby-street Schools, for the sale and exchange of land in Darby-street and Providence-place, Whitechapel (Whitechapel and Limehouse Scheme).

Agreement with the Trustees of the Will of the late Mr. D. Mitchell, and Mrs. M. Baxter, for apportionment of rent in respect of Nos. 1 and 2, Grove-terrace, Borrodaile-road, Wandsworth (Clapham to Putney Sewer).

Assignment by Messrs. Tilbury and Witt (Executors of Mr. Paul Schell) of No. 68, Kentish-town-road, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Kentish-town-road Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

24. The Solicitor reported that the undermentioned Deeds of Conveyance of land in the line of the Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement were not yet ready for sealing—

Conveyance (Lot 3) to Mr. R. A. Notley, of land on the North side of Theobald's-road, having an area of 5,088 feet.

Conveyance (Lot 15) to Mr. Javens, of land with two messuages standing thereon, known as Nos. 16 and 17, Clerkenwell-green, and having an area of 6,442 feet, with frontage to Clerkenwell-road and Clerkenwell-green.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the above-mentioned Deeds when ready.

25. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements for the undermentioned Loans had been completed, and that the Cheques had been duly handed over in exchange for the securities—

	AMOUNT OF LOAN.
Bethnal-green Vestry	£15,000 0 0
Kensington Vestry (second instalment, £5,000) ...	10,000 0 0

26. Read a Report, as follows—

5th October, 1883.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD—LOAN OF £47,345.

The Board, on the 10th August last, agreed to advance the Metropolitan Asylums Board £47,345 ; as to £32,465 for 58 years, and as to £14,880, the balance, for various periods between 30 and 10 years. These sums had not then been sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and that Board has now expressed an opinion that the Loan should, as regards the £14,880, be re-paid within the periods following—

As to £10,130, for the purchase of an ambulance steamer and the steam ship "Castalia," within 15 years, in lieu of 10 years.

As to £2,500, the cost of erecting a fire-proof staircase, &c., within 15 years, in lieu of 30.

As to £2,250, for additions and alterations at the Western District Hospital, within 30 years, instead of 20 years.

The Managers desire to adopt the periods suggested by the Local Government Board, and as that Board is the authority charged with the control of the expenditure of and the borrowing by the Managers, this Board will no doubt wish to assent to the request of the Managers, and will authorise me to complete the Loan, if the Treasury approve, accordingly.

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That no further action be taken on the Resolution of the Board of the 10th August last (No. 7), with respect to the Loan referred to, and that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums District, for a Loan of a sum of £47,345 to defray the cost of the purchase of land, of works at their Hospitals, and of purchasing two ships, be granted; that the sum of £32,465 be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, and the sum of £14,880 out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly; that as to the sum of £32,465, the interest be payable on the 31st October, the 31st January, the 31st July, and the 30th April, in each year, and that the principal be re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within a period of Fifty-eight years; and that as to the sum of £14,880, the interest be payable quarterly on the 1st October, the 1st January, the 1st April, and the 1st July in each year, and the principal on each 1st July, as to £2,500 within a period of Fifteen years ; as to £2,250 within a period of Thirty years, and as to £10,130 within a period of Fifteen years ; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

27. The Solicitor reported, with respect to the Letter from the Managers of the Central London Sick Asylum District, stating that they would be prepared to pay to the Board on the 2nd instant, the balances of Loans obtained by them, and also the amount (£1,068 6s. 1d.) named in the Resolution of the Board of 10th August last, as compensation for the loss which the Board would sustain by accepting immediate payment, which was referred to him by the Board's Resolution of Friday last (No. 90), with instructions

to carry out the arrangement, that the Managers had paid the amounts, and that he had handed over the securities, with the proper receipts endorsed thereon.

28. It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Motions, notice of which appears on the paper of business, be now considered.

29. It was moved by Mr. Dalton, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Robson be appointed on the Fire Brigade Committee, in the place of Mr. Thompson, who has ceased to be a Member of the Board.

30. It was moved by Mr. Richardson, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. Dresser Rogers, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee to consider and report upon the desirability of applying to Parliament in the next Session for power to prepare and submit to the Legislature a scheme for dealing with the Water Supply of the Metropolis; and that the Committee be authorised to confer with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the subject.

31. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 28th September last (No. 12), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Becklow-road, &c., Hammersmith	Fulham.
Cobbold-road, &c., do.	do.
Gayford-road, &c., do.	do.
Clifton-road, &c., do.	do.
Stanley-park-road, &c., Fulham	do.
Pownall-road (part)	Shoreditch.
Parnell-road, &c., Bow	Poplar.
Lefevre-road (part), Bow	do.
Stafford-place South, &c.	Westminster.
County-terrace-street, &c....	Newington.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

32. Read a Report, as follows—

5th October, 1883.

I regret to have to report that Mr. A. H. Roberts, a temporary Clerk employed in my Department in connection with the work of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, died on Monday last. Mr. Roberts had been employed by the Board since October, 1877, and his pay was £2 5s. a week. It is desirable that the vacancy should be filled as soon as possible.

I was about to represent to the Board the necessity, apart from Mr. Roberts' death, of some additional assistance, in consequence of the large amount of work arising under the Petroleum Acts, the duties in connection with which were, as the Board is aware, transferred to my Department some months ago. I have carried them on since that time without any addition to the staff, and with the aid only of a writer supplied by the Law Stationer. Now that experience has shown the extent of the work, it is desirable that a permanent arrangement should be made, and perhaps the Board will be good enough to refer the matter to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to report what arrangement it it desirable to make, consequent on the death of Mr. Roberts and on the increase of the work.

(Signed) J. E. WAKEFIELD,
Clerk of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

33. The Clerk presented a copy Report by the Water Examiner, appointed by the Board of Trade, of the examination made by him of the Water supplied by the Metropolitan Water Companies during the month of August last.

34. The Clerk presented a Notification of the Gas Referees for the winter, 1883-84, as to the time and mode of testing Gas.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Notification be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. Walker, Clerk to the Vestry of Shoreditch, dated 29th September, 1883, transmitting the following Official Representation of the Medical Officer of Health for the Parish—

July 30th, 1883.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

I, Henry Gawen Sutton, the Medical Officer of Health of the Parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, in the Metropolitan District, hereby make Official Representation that the houses or groups of houses within the areas hereinafter specified, are unfit for human habitation, and that the sanitary defects in such areas cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such areas, as provided by "The Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Acts, 1875 "and 1879."

The areas, including the houses within such areas, are as follows—

Area "A."

Watson's-place	Nos. 1 to 36
Ware-street	„ 1 „ 41
Louisa-street	„ 1 „ 15
Nancy-street	„ 1 „ 7

Area "B."

Moira-place, or Trafalgar-buildings	Nos. 1 to 21
Ebenezer-street	Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Area "C."

Plumber's-place	Nos. 1 to 7

Area "D."

Reform-place	Nos. 1 to 17

(Signed) HENRY G. SUTTON,
Medical Officer of Health of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Representation be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. Worlock, Clerk to the Guardians of St. George's Union, Middlesex, dated 23rd September, 1883, stating, in reply to the Board's Letter, that the Guardians would wait until January next for the Loan to them from the Board of £12,500, for the purpose of extending the Fulham-road Workhouse.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Sclanders and Co., dated 1st October, 1883, transmitting a copy of the provisional Specification of their door-fastenings for Theatres, &c., issued from the Patent Office, and offering to exhibit their working model to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. L. Hickes, dated 17th September, 1883, stating that he is desirous of making an arrangement with the Board (similar to one which he has already made with the City Commissioners of Sewers) for collecting the urine from the urinals under the Board's control, with a view to its utilisation.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

39. The Clerk presented Letters, as follows—

Letter from Mr. G. Dethridge, Gas-meter Inspector, dated 24th September, 1883, forwarding a Medical Certificate to the effect that his health required a prolonged absence from business, and that it would be well for him to be away for some few months longer.

Letter from Mr. R. Dethridge, one of the Assistants at the Gas-meter Testing-house in Southwark-street, dated 3rd October, 1883, asking that he might be allowed to take the temporary management of the Testing-house.

Letter from Mr. C. E. Mills, dated 4th October, 1883, asking for the appointment as Inspector during Mr. Dethridge's absence.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

40. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of St. Marylebone.

Guardians' Offices, Northumberland-street, W.,
2nd October, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed by the Guardians to apply to the Metropolitan Board of Works for a Loan of £10,500, for the erection of additional accommodation at the Marylebone Infirmary, Notting-hill, for Nurses, and of a Loan of £6,800 for the purchase of additional land at Southall, adjoining the Schools, such Loans to be re-payable half-yearly in equal instalments, reckoning principal and interest together, in Thirty years.

I enclose you a copy of the Order authorising the borrowing of the money, and of the Local Goverment Board Letter relating thereto, and the Guardians will be glad to take up the Loan at the earliest possible date in order to complete the purchase of the land,

I am, &c.,
(Signed) JOSEPH BEDFORD,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works.
Spring-gardens, S.W.,

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. E. Jones, Clerk to the Fulham District Board, dated 3rd October, 1883, stating that the District Board had completed the Improvement at Nos. 1 to 6, Ann's-terrace, Harwood-road, Fulham; and asking for payment of this Board's contribution towards the cost thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

42. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. E. Gibb, Clerk to the Vestry of St. Pancras, dated 2nd October, 1883, referring to the Resolution of the Board of the 27th April last (No. 6), agreeing to contribute one-half of the first cost of laying out the Burial-ground adjoining Holy Trinity Church, in Gray's-inn-road, upon the Vestry agreeing to accept, lay out and maintain the ground as a place of recreation for the public; stating that the Vestry had resolved to accept and lay out the ground referred to, and transmitting a Plan of the proposed laying out.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

43. The Clerk presented an Official Representation, as follows—

Board of Works for the Limehouse District.
Office : White Horse-street,
Commercial-road, East,
3rd October, 1883.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby make an Official Representation to your Honourable Board under the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Acts, 1875-82, regarding an area in this district.

The area in question is situated in the Parish of Shadwell, and is bounded on the North by the houses in Cable-street, on the West by Victoria-street, on the South by premises in High-street, Shadwell, and on the East by Albert-street, and is shown in the accompanying Plan tinted Red.

I am of opinion that the houses, courts and alleys, within this area under the jurisdiction of your Honourable Board are unfit for human habitation, and I have found upon investigation that diseases indicating a generally low condition of health amongst the population have been from time to time prevalent therein. I hold the opinion that such prevalence may reasonably be attributed to the closeness, narrowness, bad management and bad condition of the streets and houses and groups of houses within the area, as well as to the want of light, air, ventilation and proper conveniences, and I am further of opinion that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects in the area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within the area.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) G. A. ROGERS.
Medical Officer of Health for the
Limehouse District.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Representation be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

44. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. M. Jutsum, Clerk to the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, dated 4th October, 1883, stating that complaints had been made to the Vestry of the user by the Board's Contractors of the waste land in the Mile-end-road, for the deposit of gravel, &c., thereon, and asking that the nuisance complained of might be removed.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Engineer for report.

45. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Wood and Mr. J. Harris, dated 4th October, 1883, asking that, as they had been employed, during the illness and since the decease of Mr. Monksfield, as joint Collectors of the Board's weekly rents, they might be permitted to continue to fill the office.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

46. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. Turner, Clerk to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, dated 5th October, 1883, stating that the attention of the District Board had been called to the occupation and use of Nos. 84 and 142, Whitechapel-road, which are used as places of exhibition, and in which people congregated; that the houses were not constructed for the purpose for which they were used, and that the mode of use had become a cause of annoyance and nuisance to the neighbourhood, and therefore asking this Board to exercise such powers, if any, as they might have to prevent the continued use of the houses for the purpose mentioned.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

47. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 2nd instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·4	16.9	17·1	9·7	8·2	9·1	0·3	0·0	0·1	None.
	Camden ..	17·3	16·5	17·0	9·9	9·0	9·3	0·3	0·2	0·3	,,
	Dalston ..	17·1	16·6	16·9	17·5	12·3	14·3	0·3	0 0	0·1	,,
	Bow . ..	17·4	16·8	17·1	12·3	9·9	10·9	1.8	0·4	1·1	,,
	Chelsea	16·8	16·4	16·6	13·0	11·9	12·5	0·0	0.0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17·5	17·1	17·3	14·3	8·8	10·7	0·2	0·1	0·1	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas) .	21·7	20·9	21·3	11·8	9·1	10·7	0·8	0·6	0.6	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	17·2	16·5	16·8	12 2	10·7	11·6	0·4	0·0	0·2	,,
	Tooley-street ..	16·7	16·1	16·4	12·9	8·1	11·7	0·4	0·0	0·2	,,
	Clapham ..	17·1	16·4	16·6	11·1	6·3	9·6	0·4	0·0	0·1	,,
	Lewisham ..	17·0	16·3	16·7	9·0	6·8	7·7	2 6	0·2	1·3	,,
Commercial Gas Company ..	Old Ford ..	17·9	16·9	17.2	11·3	8·8	10·3	0·1	0·1	0·1	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	Station closed for repairs.									

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, as tested in Camden-road, at 9 p.m. on the 26th September, was 2·50 inches.

The pressure of the Gas supplied by the Commercial Gas Company, as tested in the Old Ford-road, at 8.10 p.m. on the 2nd October, was 2·00 inches.

48. Chelsea.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. H. Langston, on behalf of Mr. B. Stone, for the consent of the Board to the erection of five houses, with bays and balconies, and a house, with a porch and balcony, on the East side of Oakley-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

49. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Farmer, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two houses, with shops, on the East side of Norman-lane, at the corner of Bramber-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

50. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. J. Thurlow, on behalf of Mr. C. S. Thurlow, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 21 and 21A, Dalling-road, Hammersmith, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

51. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Smithies and Gladman, on behalf of Mrs. Tautz, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden porch to the front entrance of No. 269, Goldhawk-road, Hammersmith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be

granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

52. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. N. Clifton, on behalf of the Trustees of the Charities of St. Dunstan in the East, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops on the forecourts of Nos. 198, 200, 202, and 204, High-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

53. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. K. Wilson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 101 and 103, Loampit-vale, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

54. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Trollope and Son, on behalf of Mr. Williamson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a water-closet addition at the rear of No. 32, Lower Belgrave-street, Pimlico.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

55. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Holland and Hannen, on behalf of Mr. J. Samuel, for the consent of the Board to the enclosure of the front of a portico at No. 5, Great Stanhope-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

56. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. D. Butler, on behalf of Mr. H. Perrett, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of wooden balustrading and a porch to a villa in St. Nicholas-road, Tooting.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

57. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. N. Dunn, on behalf of Mr. Atkinson, for the permission of the Board to retain barge-boards erected at No. 46, Leathwaite-road, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

58. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. A. Dunn, on behalf of Mr. Hawkins, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards and wooden porches to two pairs of semi-detached villas on the East side of Eardley-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

59. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. J. Dower, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards, a wooden hood to the entrance door, wooden cornices to the dormers, and window frames not set in reveal, to a detached house at the corner of Dornton-road and Fontenoy-road, Balham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

60. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Osborn and Russell, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to a house on the North side of Ullathorne-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

61. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. W. Whitlock, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards, and a wooden porch to a house on the South-side of St. Julian's Farm-road, Streatham, and also of barge-boards to three adjacent houses in the same road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

62. BERMONDSEY.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two temporary wood and iron buildings at the rear of houses in Grange-road, Southwark-park-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for one year from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

63. CAMBERWELL.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two temporary wood and iron buildings at the rear of Coburg-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for one year from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the buildings.

64. CHELSEA.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Eyre and Sharp, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building at the rear of No. 29, Beaufort-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

65. CLERKENWELL.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. H. Watson, on behalf of Mr. Yates, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a roof of a temporary workshop at the rear of the "Belvedere" Tavern, in Penton-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

66. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Thomas, on behalf of the Rev. J. Malcomson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building at the rear of houses in Evelyn-street, Deptford.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for One year from this date, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

67. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. L. Edwards, on behalf of the St. Peter's Young Men's Society, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a shed at the rear of St. Peter's Hall, in Cranfield-road, Brockley.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

68. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Archer, on behalf of Mr. W. T. Jennings, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at Hood's Foundry, Deptford-green.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

69. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two temporary wood and iron buildings in Dennett's-grove, Queen's-road, Hatcham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the buildings.

70. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two temporary wood and iron buildings in Detmold-road, Clapton.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the buildings.

71. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two temporary wood and iron buildings in Glyn-road, Pratt's-road, Homerton.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the buildings.

72. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Judge, on behalf of the Guardians of the City of London Union, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at the Workhouse, in Clifden-road, Homerton.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

73. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Haywood, on behalf of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at Lett's Wharf, Commercial-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

74. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Till, for approval by the Board of two chimney-shafts erected at the rear of his bakehouse premises at Lewisham Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundations of the shafts be in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and satisfactory to the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructures be also satisfactory to him.

75. Mile-end Old-town.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building in Pedlar's-orchard, Stepney.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for One year from this date, upon condition that the owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

76. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Vigers, on behalf of Messrs. W. P. and H. Bell, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at Manor House, Manor-place.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

77. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building in Pendrell-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

78. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf

of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two temporary wood and iron buildings in Friar-street, Blackfriars-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the buildings.

79. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two temporary wood and iron buildings in Surrey-mews, Surrey-square, Old Kent-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the buildings.

80. St. Giles-in-the-Fields.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Wiggs, on behalf of Messrs. Turner and Son, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft in Goldsmith-street, Drury-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

81. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. F. Haskins, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building in Berkeley-grove, Berkeley-road, Regent's-park-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

82. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Bath, on behalf of Messrs. Marriage, Neave and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft and water-tower at the Flour Mills, in Anhalt-road, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

83. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two temporary wood and iron buildings in Plough-lane, East-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted for Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the buildings.

84. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. Grantham and Son, on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, giving notice of their intention to proceed with the formation of a new road in continuation of Stamford-brook-road, Hammersmith, notwithstanding the refusal of the Board to sanction the Plan.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

85. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, submitting a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of a house on the East side of Aldrington-road, Tooting, at the corner of Mitcham-road, the boundary fence on the South side of such house and grounds not being set back 20 feet from the centre of Mitcham-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

86. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th September, 1883, submitting a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of three houses and shops, on the North side of Battersea-rise, at the corner of Green-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

87. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, submitting a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of houses, with shops, on the South side of a passage-way leading from St. John's-hill, Battersea, to Clapham Junction Station.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

88. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of Eleven houses on the North side of Tooting-grove, the boundary fences of such houses being at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road-way.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

89. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed at the School-building in Church-street, Kennington-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

90. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Dickeson, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, in respect of the proposed conversion of a Swimming Bath in Speke-road, Battersea, into a Dancing Hall and Concert Room.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

91. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, stating that Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, proposed that his District Office should be removed to Churchfield House, King's-road, on the 29th instant.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the subject be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

92. HAMMERSMITH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th October, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, a License in respect of a temporary iron School-room erected at the rear of Nos. 54, 56, and 58, Coningham-road, Shepherd's-bush.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 12th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 9.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **12th** day of **October**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—William Robbins Selway, Esq., in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.
Thomas Turner, Esq.
John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.
William Halford Fell, Esq.
Robert Cox, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.
James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
George Hill, Esq.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.
Alfred Ewin, Esq.
Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.
George Edwards, Esq.
William Shepherd, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.
William Robson, Esq.
Robert Furniss, Esq.
Thomas John White, Esq.
William Burnham Garrett, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.
Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.
Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
Robert Jones, Esq.
William Debenham, Esq.
John Jones, Esq.
John Reddish, Esq.
Alfred Pocock, Esq.
Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
Robert Freeman, Esq.

1. It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That

William Robbins Selway, Esq.,

be requested to take the Chair; and he took the Chair accordingly.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 5th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman (Mr. Selway) and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

3. The Chairman called the attention of the Board to a paragraph which appeared in certain of the daily newspapers this morning, purporting to give the substance of what was described as an official memorandum by the Board, relative to the Letter recently received from the Treasury, on the subject of the Coal and Wine Duties, and he suggested that, inasmuch as the Letter was now under the consideration of a Committee, and the Board had not prepared any memorandum on the subject, and had no knowledge of the document to which the paragraph referred, it might be desirable that the Clerk should be instructed to communicate to that effect with the Editor of each of the newspapers in which the paragraph in question appeared.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Dresser Rogers, and resolved—That the suggestion be acted upon, and that the Clerk be instructed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee to enquire as to the circumstances under which the paragraph in question appeared in the newspapers.

4. Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 9th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass-books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 22nd September, 1883		£254,323 7 1	
Receipts since that date, as per Statement presented this day		571,631 4 10	
			£825,954 11 11
Payments since 22nd September, 1883			217,097 19 8
Balance on 6th October, 1883 { viz : Cash Balance at Bank ...		£611,015 6 9	
Less Cheques not presented		2,158 14	
			£608,856 12 3

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance *Overdrawn* on 22nd September, 1883		£2,451 6 6	
Receipts since that date		6,250 15 8	
			£3,799 9 2
Payments since 22nd September, 1883			4,681 13 10
Balance *Overdrawn* on 6th October, 1883			£882 4 8
Total Cash Balances on 6th October, 1883			... **£607,974 7 7**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 22nd September, 1883.*		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 6th October, 1883.*		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
Working Accounts—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General	...	67,695 15 11	830 3 7	13,276 12 8	...	55,249 6 10	...
Fire Brigade ...	18,203 19 5	...	7,443 4 3	4,662 8 4	15,423 3 6	...	40 - -
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	825,364 6 8	358,706 12 11	31 12 8	...	1,184,039 6 11	...
Fire Brigade ...	32,412 7 11	...	...	108 10 -	32,520 17 11	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	92,216 2 10	...	...	5,267 6 -	97,483 8 10	...	2,587 18 7
Parks and Open Spaces	3,720 12 8	...	31 12 8	51 17 6	3,740 17 6	...	...
Albert Embankment	76 18 6	...	...	...	76 18 6	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	144 7 6	...	...	...	144 7 6	...	...
Streets (Act of 1872)	358 11 2	...	...	...	358 11 2	...	...
Appold Street ...	187 9 6	...	...	...	187 9 6	...	...
Streets (Act of 1877)	405,682 14 3	...	6,941 - -	2,142 2 10	400,383 17 1	...	15,550 4 5
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	19,133 2 2	...	...	...	19,133 2 2	...	2,706 9 7
Thames Floods Prevention	5,629 - 6	...	...	173 3 3	5,802 3 9	...	...
Bridges (Act of 1881)	59,492 4 11	...	2,850 - -	5,117 4 -	61,759 8 11	...	32,083 8 9
Miscellaneous—							
Bridges (Act of 1877)	...	28,236 12 9	470 10 -	2,325 5 1	...	26,381 17 8	...
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	...	512 8 -	696 18 6	5,760 12 3	4,551 5 9	...	9,988 14 1
Consolidated Loans Fund	30,277 4 6	...	193,661 2 11	178,181 5 1	15,297 6 8	...	22,111 1 2
Firemen's Savings Fund	...	48 19 7	...	...	...	48 19 7	...
	667,534 15 10	921,858 2 11	571,631 4 10	217,097 19 8	656,862 18 9	1,265,719 11 -	85,067 16 7
	£254,323 7 1				£608,856 12 3		

INVESTMENTS.

FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND ... ... £3,620 8 5 ... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED from the 24th September to 6th October, 1883—

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.				
Assessments—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Inner Temple	£17 1 9			
Lincoln's Inn	6 3 –			
			23 4 9	
Fees—				
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act)	£3 5 –			
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act)	203 7 2			
„ Gas-meter testing	236 15 –			
„ Petroleum licenses	17 15 –			
„ Explosives Act	18 8 –			
			479 10 2	
Costs recovered—				
Re Loans	£60 – 6			
„ Leases	23 17 –			
„ Bye-laws	4 8 6			
			88 6 –	
Proceeds of sales of carcases—				
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act...			81 18 4	
Deposit in respect of works to be executed by the Board's contractor on side-entrance to Stamford-brook West Sewer.			40 – –	
Drain-junctions to main sewers...			39 2 –	
Plans, &c., sold			78 2 4	
				830 3 7
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.				
Contributions from Insurance companies			7,316 1 6	
Contributions from men towards rent			102 2 –	
Chimney-fire penalties			20 19 6	
Attendance at ex-metropolitan fires			4 1 3	
				7,443 4 3
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.				
Further amounts, *re* loan of £1,250,000				358,706 12 11
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.				
Transfer from *General Capital Account* in repayment of advances				31 12 8
STREETS (ACT OF 1877).				
Return of amounts deposited in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice				6,941 – –
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1881).				
Return of amounts deposited in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice				2,850 – –
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).				
Rent			1 15 –	
Justices of the Peace for Middlesex— One-quarter's contribution towards the maintenance of bridges ...			300 – –	
Carried forward			£301 15 –	376,802 13 5

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	301 15 –	376,802 13 5
South-Eastern Railway Company—		
One-quarter's charge, under Captain Galton's award, in respect of difference in value of tolls on Deptford-creek Bridge (Vic *I.*, cap. 120, and *XL.* and *XLI.*, cap. 99)	168 15 –	
		470 10 –

DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Rent	24 18 6	
Sales—		
Goulston-street ... ... £172 – –		
Whitecross-street ... ... 500 – –		
	672 – –	
		696 18 6

CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.

Rent	1,543 – 11	
Loans—		
Interest £28,548 16 8		
Repayment 129,491 4 1		
	158,040 –	
Premium on redemption of loans prior to expiration of period fixed in mortgage	1,068 6 1	
Sales—		
Camberwell and Peckham ... ...£6,380 – –		
Clerkenwell-road ... ... 21,568 – –		
Gray's-inn-road ... ... 65 19 –		
Great Eastern-street ... ... 4,654 – –		
Fire Brigade (old materials) ... ... 6 10 –		
	32,674 9	
Interest—		
Re Sales (Clerkenwell-road) £37 18 10		
On amounts deposited in Chancery 280 7 10		
	318 6 8	
Proportion of rates—		
Piccadilly, &c. ... ... £15 4 –		
Kentish-town-road 1 15 6		
	16 19 6	
		193,661 2 11
		£571,631 4 10

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £29,329 9s. 0d., be paid.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures, and for expenses of Shoring and Hoarding, and they recommend—

That the necessary Orders be made with respect to the same.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 6th July, 1883 (No. 8), your Committee have had before them a Statement of the Salaries which will become payable

to the Board's Officers on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £2,630 10s., which Statement has been approved by your Committee, and they beg to submit the same, and to recommend—

That the Board do pass a Resolution authorising the Treasurer to pay the several amounts on or after the 25th instant.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Rotherhithe, applying for a Loan of a sum of £1,800 for paving works, referred by the Board on the 10th August last (No. 62). The Vestry propose to have laid down in Commercial-dock-road 2,700 yards of 4 inches by 7 inches new Guernsey granite setts, on 4 inches of gravel properly grouted, at an estimated cost of £1,822 10s. Your Engineer has examined the Estimate for the works, and reports it to be fair and reasonable, and your Committee, seeing no objection to the advance being made, recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, for permission to borrow a sum of £1,800 for new granite-paving works be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that it be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st January, April, July and October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October within 20 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, asking for permission to borrow, and also asking the Board to lend, a sum of £1,700, for paving works, referred by the Board on the 10th August last (No. 63). The Vestry propose to pave about 2,700 yards of the carriage-way of Waterloo-road with Groby or other approved Leicestershire granite cubes, 3 inches by 6 inches, upon concrete foundations 6 inches in thickness, at an estimated cost of £1,700, which your Engineer considers to be fair and reasonable. Your Committee see no objection to the request of the Vestry being complied with, and they accordingly recommend—

That the application of the Vestry of St. George-the Martyr, Southwark, for permission to borrow a sum of £1,700 for new granite-paving works be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st January, April, July, and October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October within 20 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Guardians of the Lewisham Union for the advance of a sum of £4,000, to be re-paid by equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined in 15 years, referred by the Board on the 28th ultimo (No. 80). The Board have no means of making the advance, the whole of the amount raised for Loans to Guardians during the present year having been already disposed of. The re-payment of Loans for periods less than thirty years has hitherto been by payment of the interest quarterly, and the principal by annual instalments, and your Committee see no reason to alter that course in the present case. They therefore recommend—

That the Guardians be informed that the Board will not be in a position to make the advance until January next, but will then do so, provided the interest be paid quarterly, and the principal by equal annual instalments.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Guardians for St. Marylebone, for Loans of sums of £10,500 and £6,800 respectively, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 40). As previously stated, the Board have no funds out of which advances to Guardians could be made this year, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That the Guardians of St. Marylebone be informed that the Board will be unable to make the advance until January next.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 5th instant (No. 11) your Committee have re-considered the question of how the proper period for the re-payment of Loans to Guardians should be determined. It has hitherto been the practice of the Local Government Board to fix the period, but that Board have recently intimated that, under the Statute, their approval of the term of years for the re-payment of Loans obtained from this Board is not required, and that consequently they will be only prepared to give an opinion upon the point in any case in which it may be desired. Your Committee, considering it necessary that they should be advised as to the period which should be allowed for re-payment of such Loans, recommend—

That the applications for the same be referred to the Board's Officers to report thereon to the Committee, as is now done with applications from Vestries and District Boards.

On the 28th ultimo (No. 11), the Board, on the application of the Beckenham Local Board, agreed to advance a sum of £1,050, for carrying out certain sewerage works, and referred the matter to their Solicitor to complete. Under the provisions of Sections 2 and 17 of the Beckenham Sewerage Act, 1873, the Local Board have power to borrow, and this Board to lend to them, moneys required for the purposes of that Act; but it appears that this Board have at present no fund out of which they can legally make the advance, as the power given by Section 17 of the Beckenham Sewerage Act, coupled with Section 37 of the Board's Loans Act of 1869, of raising, by the creation of Stock, moneys to be lent by this Board under the Beckenham Sewerage Act, 1873, is no longer exercisable, as the 28th Section of the Board's Money Act of 1882, expressly prohibits the raising, during the present year, otherwise than in conformity with and to the extent mentioned in that Act, of any money under any powers of borrowing conferred upon the Board by that Act, "or any other Act "whatsoever." As no provision is made in the Money Act for the raising, or lending, during this year, of any money for the purposes of a Loan by this Board under the Beckenham Sewerage Act, 1873, your Solicitor is of opinion that the Board cannot, under their present powers, make the advance. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the Resolution of the Board of the 28th ultimo (No. 11), agreeing to make the advance, be not further acted upon, and that the Local Board be informed that this Board are not in a position to advance the money.

Your Committee have to report that your Solicitor has been in communication with the Solicitors of Mr. Willis, who holds a Lease from the Board of the premises No. 15, Clerkenwell-green. It appears that Mr. Willis has been unable, for a long time past, owing to ill health, to attend to business, and, under medical advice, he has quitted England and gone to reside in Australia. The premises have been shut up for three months, and the key and possession are offered to the Board. Under these circumstances it appears to your Committee desirable that the key should be accepted, with a view to the premises being re-let, and they therefore recommend—

That the key be accepted, and possession taken of the premises, with a view to their being re-let, and that the rent owing be written off.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Works and General Purposes Committee of the 1st instant, your Accountant has submitted to your Committee a Report to the effect that Mr. Drew, the Clerk of the late Deptford-creek Bridge Company, has accepted the Board's offer of a pension of £45 3s. 6d., under the Metropolis Toll Bridges Act of 1877, and that the amount due to him up to the 20th September last is £158 2s. 3d., that being Three and-a-half years' pension from the 20th March, 1880, the date of the freeing of the Bridge. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That a Cheque for that amount be drawn in favor of Mr. G. B. Drew.

Your Committee have had before them a Report on the collection of the Rates made on default of the Societies of the Inner Temple and Lincoln's-inn to pay the Precepts

for the Consolidated Rate for the year 1882, which Report your Committee now submit for the information and approval of the Board, and they recommend—

That copies thereof be sent to the Societies interested.

Your Committee recommend—

That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than three months, be cancelled—

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4839.	1883.	July 2.	Flight, Mrs. M. C.	£140 0 0
„ 4840	„	„	Lett, A.	7 7 0
„ 4845	„	„	Colebrooke, Sir T. E.	534 15 0
„ 4846	„	„	Baddeley, E.	35 0 0
„ 4856	„	„	Livett, Mrs. E. H. and G. C.	175 0 0
„ 4857	„	„	Livett, J. J. W.	7 7 0

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
JOHN TOLHURST,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
DONALD MUNRO.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
TURNER, T.—(2165 and 2166)—			
2804	Further on account of contract for maintaining and repairing carriage and footways of Victoria Embankment (No. 634) ...	1,500 – –	
2805	Further on account of contract for cleansing, watering, &c., Victoria Embankment (No. 663)	900 – –	
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(2146)—			
2806	Shoring, hoarding, &c., Dangerous Structures	38 3 7	
DISTRICT SURVEYORS—(2147)—			
	Fees, *re* dangerous structures—		
2807	Blashill, T.	£5 5 –	
2808	Carritt, E.	13 – –	
2809	Clarkson, J.	11 11 3	
2810	Conder, A.	2 – –	
2811	Drury, E. D.	2 10 –	
2812	Fletcher, B.	10 – –	
2813	Grose, V. J.	13 – –	
2814	Hammon, H. J.	12 10 –	
2815	Hansom, H. J.	4 5 –	
2816	Hewitt, E. R.	8 2 6	
2817	Jarvis, H.	3 5 –	
2818	Kendall, H. E.	2 5 –	
2819	Kerr, R.	8 15 –	
2820	Lansdown, G.	5 10 –	
	Carried forward	£101 18 9	2,438 3 7 ...

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	2,438 3 7	...
District Surveyors—Fees, &c. (*continued*)	£101 18 9		
2821 Legg, G.	7 10 –		
2822 Legg, H. S.	6 15 –		
2823 McDonell, G.	3 15 –		
2824 Markham, S. S.	3 17 6		
2825 Nash, E.	2 7 6		
2826 Notley, R. P.	9 10 –		
2827 Oliver, H.	4 5 –		
2828 Payne, A.	4 17 6		
2829 Peebles, A.	2 2 6		
2830 Smith, T. R.	2 11 3		
2831 Stenning, A. R.	6 5 –		
2832 Wallen, F.	2 10 –		
2833 Watson, T. H.	2 5 –		
2834 Whichcord, J.	4 5 –		
2835 Woodthorpe, E.	2 10 –		
2836 Woodward, J. A. J.	4 15 –		
		172 – –	
Smith J., and Eustace, E., Collectors—(2155)—			
2837 Commission on dangerous structure cases, quarter ending Michaelmas, 1883		34 2 6	
New River Company—(2162)—			
2838 Water for Victoria-embankment, Leicester-square, Finsbury-park, &c., quarter to Midsummer, 1883		173 19 3	
Judd and Co.—(2156)—			
2839 Bill for general printing, quarter to 30th September, 1883 ...		631 7 7	
Gregory, W.—(2140)—			
2840 Surveying instruments and repairs, April to August, 1883 ...		18 – 6	
Wadeson, C. A.—(2148)—			
2841 Mounting maps and plans, July to October, 1883		4 9 5	
Kell, T., and Son—(2138)—			
2842 Lithography, &c., July, 1882, and May, 1883, *re* Sewage Discharge Commission		238 17 6	
Currey, H.—(2160)—			
2843 Professional charges, July and August, 1883, *re* Canterbury and Gatti's Music Halls		31 10 –	
Whichcord, J.—(2159)—			
2844 Professional charges, July and August, 1883, *re* Canterbury and Gatti's Music Halls		31 10 –	
Reid, R.—(2139)—			
2845 Professional charges, December, 1882, to April, 1883, *re* Street improvements, 1883		535 10 –	
Driver and Co.—(2142)—			
2846 Professional charges, November, 1882, to April, 1883, *re* Street improvements, 1883		420 – –	
Vigers and Co.—(2143)—			
2847 Professional charges, November, 1882, to April, 1883, *re* Street improvements, 1883		162 15 –	
Economic Life Assurance Society—(2164)—			
2848 Half-year's interest on balance of loan of £100,000 (less tax), due 24th October, 1883		1,101 11 3	
			5,993 16 7
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.			
Shand, Mason and Co.—(2183)—			
997 Repairs to engine and float, and supplying hose-reel, July and August, 1883		44 – –	
Coulson, Stokes and Co.—(2090)—			
998 Ironmongery, tools, &c., September, 1882, to March, 1883		202 4 6	
Carried forward		£246 4 6	5,993 16 7

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	246 4 6	5,993 16 7
Compton, J., and Sons—(2092)—			
999	Kersey blanketing, August, 1883	18 2 6	
Moore, A.—(2089)—			
1000	Fire-plug, &c., indicators, July, 1883	261 7 2	
Water for sundry stations—(2091)—			
1001	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co.	£8 2 –	
1002	New River Co.	2 11 –	
1003	Lambeth Waterworks Co.	2 11 –	
		13 4 –	
			538 18 2
	MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
Alldred, G.—(2167)—			
1017	Further on account of contract for construction of sewers at Guilford-street, Russell-square (No. 562)	500 – –	
Pearson and Son—(2168)—			
1018	Further on account of contract for construction of Deptford storm overflow sewer (No. 625)	3,536 – –	
Mowlem, J., and Co.—(2169)—			
1019	Further on account of contract for construction of relief-lines to the Ratcliff-highway, &c., sewers (No. 567)	800 – –	
			4,836 – –
	NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE.		
Young and Co.—(2170)—			
264	Further on account of contract for supplying and fixing lamp-standards and posts (No. 650)	900 – –	
Segg and Co., Limited—(2171)—			
265	Further on account of contract for laying on gas and supplying lanterns for standards (No. 659)	213 15 –	
			1,113 15 –
	BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).		
Higgins, J. N., Q.C.—(2153)—			
511	Counsel's fees, November, 1882, to February, 1883, *re* Drew (Deptford-creek Bridge)		43 14 –
	STREETS (ACT OF 1877).		
Nowell and Robson—(2172)—			
6466	Further on account of contract for paving and other works, Kentish-town-road (No. 647)	844 2 9	
Grantham, W., Q.C., M.P.—(2152)—			
6467	Counsel's fees, October 1882, *re* Ford (Gray's-inn-road)	65 14 6	
			909 17 3
	CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company—(2161)—			
946	Water for premises occupied by weekly tenants of the Board ...	...	6 8 –
	DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Nowell and Robson—(2173 & 2174)—			
4978	Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Lenton-place, St. Marylebone (No. 657)	446 8 7	
4979	Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Upper-street, Islington (No. 660)	2,023 3 –	
Mowlem, J., and Co.—(2175)—			
4980	Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Whitecross-street (No. 646)	5,070 18 9	
Colepeper, F. H.—(2176)—			
4981	Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Cartwright-street, Whitechapel (No. 639)	108 13 3	
	Carried forward	£7,649 3 7	13,442 9 –

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	7,649 3 7	13,442 9 –
GRIFFITHS, J. J.—(2177)—		
4982 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Goulston-street, Whitechapel (No. 656)	742 7 6	
		8,391 11 1

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

MEADOWS-WHITE, F., Q.C.—(2154)—		
1272 Counsel's fees, June to August, 1883—		
General Working Account	123 7 –	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	21 9 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	47 18 6	
Thames Floods Prevention	5 12 6	
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	12 7 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	22 11 6	
		233 6 –
COOKSON, M., Q.C.—(2150)—		
1273 Counsels' fees, November, 1882, and July, 1883—		
General Working Account	7 17 –	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	183 8 6	
		191 5 6
TWEEDY, H J.—(2157)—		
1274 Counsel's fees, November, 1882, to July, 1883—		
General Capital Account	2 4 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1872)	2 4 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	13 7 –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	4 9 –	
		22 5 –
GEARE, E. A.—(2158)—		
1275 Counsel's fees, November, 1882, to June, 1883—		
General Capital Account	2 4 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	8 18 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1872)	2 4 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	8 18 –	
		22 5 –
SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION—(2144)—		
1276 Hire of rooms for arbitrations, August, 1883—		
General Working Account	5 15 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	3 3 –	
		8 18 6
LUCAS, H.—(2145)—		
1277 Expenses at arbitrations, June to August, 1883—		
General Working Account	3 8 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	7 12 6	
Tooley Street Extension, 1882	1 16 –	
		12 16 6
MOWLEM, J., AND Co.—(2137)—		
1278 Balance of bill for general jobbing works, Area A, quarter ended 30th June, 1883—		
General Working Account	838 15 8	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	22 14 5	
Thames Floods Prevention	15 – –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	161 19 –	
		1,038 9 1
WOOD, J., AND HARRIS, J.—(2209)—		
1279 Commission on weekly rents collected during September, 1883—		
Consolidated Loans Fund	29 13 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	1 4 4	
		30 17 10
Carried forward		£23,394 3 6

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward		23,394 3 6
	TRANSFER TO WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—(2163)—		
	Repayment of advances—		
1230	Petty disbursements, 23rd July to 29th September, 1883—		
	(*a*) *General Working Account*	£365 14 3	
	(*b*) *Fire Brigade Working Account* ... £20 3 4		
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... 7 11 1		
		27 14 5	
	(*c*) *Main Drainage and Main Sewers*	2 6 7	
	(*d*) *Bridges* (*Act of* 1877)	2 4 –	
	(*e*) *Thames Floods Prevention*	12 7 7	
	(*f*) *Main Drainage and Main Sewers* £1 18 2		
	Streets (*Act of* 1877) ... ... – 2 8		
	Thames Floods Prevention ... – 11 7		
		2 12 5	
	(*g*) *Dwelling House Improvement Fund*	1 18 4	
		£414 17 7	
	Weekly pensions, July to September, 1883—		
	(*h*) *Fire Brigade Working Account*	175 13 8	
	Umpire's fees and costs of awards, *re* Canterbury and Gatti's Music Halls—		
	(*i*) *General Working Account*	124 1 –	
	Retainers to Counsel, *re* Bills for Session 1884, Communication across the Thames and Street Improvements—		
	(*j*) *General Working Account*	17 6 6	
	Special inquiry forms for Perry's register—		
	(*k*) *General Working Account*	2 2 –	
	Costs, *re* Dangerous structure case—		
	(*l*) *General Working Account*	3 3 –	
	Compensation for damage to cab and barge—		
	(*m*) *Fire Brigade Working Account*	4 10 –	
	Umpires' fee and costs of award, *re* Kendall (Piccadilly)—		
	(*n*) *Streets* (*Act of* 1877)...	43 15 –	
	Interest on purchase-money (less tax), *re* Walter (Gray's-inn-road)—		
	(*o*) *Streets* (*Act of* 1877)...	1 1 3	
	Assistance on trade claim, *re* Garrett (Piccadilly)—		
	(*p*) *Streets* (*Act of* 1877)	1 1 –	
	Rent of Nos. 13 and 14, Litchfield-street (less tax), *re* Bellamy (Charing-cross)—		
	(*q*) *Streets* (*Act of* 1877)	1 11 5	
	Further costs of title, &c., *re* Galton (Gray's-inn-road)—		
	(*r*) *Streets* (*Act of* 1877)	1 1 –	
	Work done by Kent Waterworks Co. at old toll-house, Deptford-creek Bridge—		
	(*s*) *Bridges* (*Act of* 1877)	– 10 –	
	Rent of No. 37, Portpool-lane (less tax), *re* Scott (Gray's-inn-road)—		
	(*t*) *Consolidated Loans Fund*	– 15 11	
	Rates for premises in Borrodaile-road, taken for main drainage works—		
	u Consolidated Loans Fund	– 18 6	
	Rates for premises in Grove-terrace, taken for main drainage works—		
	v Main Drainage and Main Sewers	1 10 –	
	Carried forward ...	£703 17 10	... 23,394 3 6

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward			...	23,394 3 6
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*)			£793 17 10		
Insurances of Properties taken by the Board, and re-let—					
w Consolidated Loans Fund			329 13 9		
Percentage and stamp, *re* Bill of Costs, "The Essex Tavern" (Goulston-street)—					
x Dwelling House Improvement Fund			4 5 –		
Amount withdrawn—					
y Firemen's Savings Fund			23 1 11		
Compensations to weekly tenants—					
z Streets (*Act of* 1877)	£32 – –				
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	32 – –				
			64 – –		
			£1,214 18 6		
Postages, 23rd July to 29th September, 1883—					
aa General Working Account ...	£120 – –				
Fire Brigade Working Account ...	10 – –				
			130 – –		
				1,344 18 6	
Fire Brigade Working Account—					
Firemen's Lodgings—					
bb August, 1883			£203 17 8		
cc September, 1883			265 15 8		
				469 13	
Weekly wages, two weeks to 3rd October, 1883—					
dd General Working Account			...£1,700 4 11		
General Capital Account			6 6 –		
Fire Brigade Working Account			3 – 11		
Fire Brigade Capital Account			31 – –		
Main Drainage and Main Sewers			111 13 –		
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)			26 18 6		
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)			21 4 6		
Streets (*Act of* 1877)			13 2 7		
Thames Floods Prevention			29 19 4		
Parks and Open Spaces			6 6 –		
Consolidated Loans Fund			19 12 –		
Dwelling House Improvement Fund			65 5 6		
				2,034 13 3	
Firemen's wages, two weeks to 6th October, 1883—					
ee Fire Brigade Working Account			...	... 2,017 19 11	
				5,867 5 –	
Amounts to be paid through the account—					
Bills, &c., for sums under £2—					
ff General Working Account—					
Stanley, W. F.—Measuring-tapes ...	£– 4 9				
Sugg and Co., Limited—Discs for chemical department	– 12 –				
Clowes and Sons—Binding law-books	1 8 6				
Rents for premises occupied by the Board...	– 10 9				
Water for Old Ford sluice-house ...	1 4 –				
Collector's poundage—Lincoln's-inn and Inner Temple, Precept, 1882	1 3 2				
Copying accounts, *re* Bills in Parliament, Session, 1883	8 11 3				
District Surveyors —Fees, *re* dangerous structures	14 –				
			27 14 5		
Carried forward			£27 14 5	5,867 5 –	23,394 3 6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward							23,394	3	6
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*)	£27	14	5	5,867	5	–			
Rent of Fire-escape standings—									
gg Fire Brigade Working Account	3	5	–						
Rates and taxes for premises taken and re-let to weekly tenants—									
hh Consolidated Loans Fund	37	1	1						
				68	–	6			
							5,935	5	6
							£29,329	9	–

Certified,
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(*signed*) HENRY HARBEN,
JOHN TOLHURST,
W. H. DALTON,
WILLIAM H. FELL,
THOS. J. WHITE,
DONALD MUNRO.

Report on the state of the collection of Rates made on default on the Inner Temple and Lincoln's-inn, in respect of the Board's Precept for the year 1882, *submitted with the Report of the Committee.*

	Amount of Rate.	Collected and paid to Treasurer.	Deficiencies.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lincoln's Inn—Rate made 20th April, 1883, at 3d. in the £. Joseph Smith, Collector	238 5 3	236 3 0	2 2 3
Inner Temple—Rate made 20th April, 1883, at 3d. in the £. Joseph Smith, Collector	280 1 9	280 1 9	...
	£518 7 0	£516 4 9	£2 2 3

I append Accounts, showing the balance at the end of each Rate, and recommend that copies of these Accounts be sent to each Inn of Court.

(Signed) ARTHUR GUNN,
Accountant.

9th October, 1883.

Lincoln's Inn.—In Account with the Metropolitan Board of Works for Rates made on default in respect of the Board's Precept for the year 1882.

Dr.		£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Precept of 1882		247 10 3	By Surplus on Rate for Precept of 1881, brought forward	16 18 0
To Expenses of collecting the Rate, viz.—			By Rate collected and paid to the Metropolitan Board of Works, viz.—	
Copy of Rent-roll, and for information ...	£2 2 0		Rate made 20th April, 1883, at 3d. in the pound. Joseph Smith, Collector...	£238 5 3
Poundage, &c, to Collector	16 16 2		Deficiencies, as per List laid before the Finance Committee of the Board	2 2 3
Binding and Printing	2 0 0			236 3 0
Establishment Charges	5 18 1			253 1 0
		26 16 3	By Balance carried forward (deficiency)	21 5 6
Total ...		£274 6 6	Total ...	£274 6 6

Spring-gardens,
9th October, 1883.

(Signed) ARTHUR GUNN,
Accountant.

The **Inner Temple.**—In Account with the Metropolitan Board of Works for Rates made on default in respect of the Board's Precept for the year 1882.

Dr.		£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Precept of 1882		293 17 7	By Surplus on Rate for Precept of 1881, brought forward	73 0 4
To Expenses of Collecting the Rate, viz.—			By Rate collected and paid to the Metropolitan Board of Works, viz.—	
Copy of Rent-roll, and for information ...	£2 2 0		Rate made 20th April, 1883, at 3d. in the pound. Joseph Smith, Collector	£280 1 9
Poundage, &c., to Collector	19 0 0		Deficiencies, as per List laid before the Finance Committee of the Board	Nil
Binding and Printing	2 0 0			280 1 9
Establishment Charges	7 0 0			
		30 2 0		
To Balance carried forward (surplus)		29 2 6		
Total ...		£353 2 1	Total ...	£353 2 1

Spring-gardens,
9th October, 1883.

(Signed) ARTHUR GUNN,
Accountant.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £29,329 9s., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, as specified in the Six series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to F inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on Structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Aitchison, G.	1	1 17 6	...	...	1 17 6
2	Badger, C. J.	2	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
3	Blashill, T.	6	5 5 –	...	...	5 5 –
4	Carritt, E.	14	13 – –	...	...	13 – –
5	Clarkson, J.	3	2 8 9	6	9 2 6	11 11 3
6	Conder, A.	2	2 – –	...	...	2 – –
7	Drury, E. D....	2	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
8	Fletcher, B.	12	10 – –	...	...	10 – –
9	Foulsham, C.	1	1 2 6	1	– 10 –	1 12 6
10	Grose, V. J.	9	12 12 6	1	– 7 6	13 – –
11	Gundry, H.	1	1 7 6	...	...	1 7 6
12	Hammon, H. J.	8	12 10 –	...	...	12 10 –
13	Hammond, F.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
14	Hansom, H. J.	4	4 5 –	...	...	4 5 –
15	Hewitt, E. R.	7	8 2 6	...	...	8 2 6
16	Jarvis, H.	3	3 5 –	...	...	3 5 –
17	Jennings, J.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
18	Kendall, H. E.	1	– 15 –	1	1 10 –	2 5 –
19	Kerr, R.	6	7 17 6	1	– 17 6	8 15 –
20	Lansdown, G.	5	5 – –	1	– 10 –	5 10 –
21	Legg, G.	3	6 – –	3	1 10 –	7 10 –
22	Legg, H. S.	6	6 15 –	...	...	6 15 –
23	McDonell, G.	5	3 15 –	...	...	3 15 –
24	Markham, S. S.	4	3 17 6	...	...	3 17 6
25	Nash, E.	1	1 12 6	2	– 15 –	2 7 6
26	Notley, R. P.	9	9 10 –	...	...	9 10 –
27	Oliver, H.	6	4 5 –	...	...	4 5 –
28	Parsons, H.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
29	Payne, A.	5	4 17 6	...	...	4 17 6
30	Peebles, A.	1	2 2 6	...	...	2 2 6
31	Porter, F. W.	1	– 12 6	1	– 15 –	1 7 6
32	Smith, T. R.	3	2 11 3	...	...	2 11 3
33	Stenning, A. R.	6	5 10 –	2	– 15 –	6 5 –
34	Tanner, A. W.	1	– 15 –	...	...	– 15 –
35	Turner, J. G.	1	– 12 6	...	...	– 12 6
36	Wallen, F.	2	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
37	Watson, T. H.	2	2 5 –	...	...	2 5 –
38	Whichcord, J.	3	4 5 –	...	...	4 5 –
39	Williams, T.	2	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
40	Wood, S.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
41	Woodthorpe, E.	4	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
42	Woodward, J. A. J.	4	4 15 –	...	...	4 15 –
		161	169 7 6	19	16 12 6	186 – –

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned expenses, incident to shoring and hoarding Dangerous Structures, under the Metropolitan Building Acts, 1855 and 1869, be charged to the Owners of the respective properties, together with other expenses affecting the same, and be recovered according to law.

Case No.	Premises.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
25,858	3, Miles-place, St. Luke's	3 14 2
27,175	20, Stibbington-street, St. Pancras	11 14 11
27,275	143, High-street, Camden-town	2 2 9
27,639	1, Bell-garden-road, Peckham	2 6 –
27,752	139, Oxford-street, St. James, Westminster...	3 12 8
27,769	2, Cross-street, Deptford	2 16 11
27,823	41, Reedworth-street, Lambeth	– 17 7
27,860, 1 & 2	11, 12, and 13, Ashton-buildings, Battersea	10 8 7
27,921	13, Alma-terrace, Islington	– 10 –
		£38 3 7

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Statement now submitted, showing the Salaries which will become payable to Officers of the Board on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £2,630 10s., be approved, and that the Treasurer of the Board, the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, be authorised to pay the several sums specified in such Statement to the persons entitled to receive the same.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Vestry of Rotherhithe, for permission to borrow a sum of £1,800 to defray the cost of new granite-paving works be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that it be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st January, the 1st April, the 1st July, and the 1st October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October, within a period of Twenty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Vestry of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for permission to borrow a sum of £1,700 to defray the cost of new granite-paving works be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st January, the 1st April, the 1st July, and the 1st October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October, within a period of Twenty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Guardians for Lewisham be informed, in reply to their application for an advance of a sum of £4,000, to be re-paid by equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined, within a period of Fifteen years, that the Board will not be in a position to make the advance until January next, but will then do so, provided the interest be paid quarterly, and the principal by equal annual instalments.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Guardians for St. Marylebone be informed, in reply to their application for Loans of sums of £10,500 and £6,800, that the Board will be unable to advance the amounts until January next.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to Loans to Guardians and other public bodies which require the previous sanction of the Local Government Board, be approved; and that, with a view to the Committee being advised as to the periods which should be allowed for re-payment of such Loans, the applications for the same be referred to the proper Officers of the Board for report to the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Resolution of the Board of the 28th ultimo (No. 11), agreeing to advance to the Beckenham Local Board a Loan of £1,050, be not further acted upon, and that the Local Board be informed that this Board are not in a position to grant the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the key of the premises, No. 15, Clerkenwell-green, let on Lease to Mr. Willis, be accepted; that possession of the premises be taken with a view to their being re-let, and that the rent owing in respect thereof be written off in the Board's books.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £158 2s. 3d. be now drawn in favour of Mr. G. B. Drew, Clerk of the late Deptford-creek Bridge Company, in respect of his pension of £45 3s. 6d., granted under the Metropolis Toll Bridges Act, 1877, being the amount of 3½ years' pension due to him from 20th March, 1880 (the date of freeing the Bridge), up to the 20th September last; and a Cheque was drawn on the Bridges (Act of 1877), Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Accounts, now submitted, showing the state of the collection of Rates made on default on the Inner Temple and Lincoln's-inn, in respect of the Board's Precept for the year 1882, be received, and that a copy thereof be sent to the Societies interested.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than three months, be now cancelled—

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4839.	1883.	July 2.	Flight, Mrs. M. C.	£140	0	0
,, 4840.	,,	,,	Lett, A.	7	7	0
,, 4845.	,,	,,	Colebrooke, Sir T. E.	534	15	0
,, 4846.	,,	,,	Baddeley, E.	35	0	0
,, 4856.	,,	,,	Livett, Mrs. E. H. and G. C. ...	175	0	0
,, 4857.	,,	,,	Livett, J. J. W.	7	7	0

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

5. Mr. Dalton, on behalf of Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 8th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).		
Re Chapman's Trustees (Putney)—(2094)—		
Hare and Co.—		
510 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.		34 17 9
Streets (*Act of* 1877).		
Re Payne (Camberwell)—(2095)—		
Miller, Wiggins and Naylor—		
6438 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c. ...	30 - -	
Carried forward	£30 - -	34 17 9

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	30 - -	34 17 9
Re Walter (Gray's-inn-road)—(2096)—		
Fowkes, H. R. G.—		
6439 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c. ...	26 16 6	
Re Birkbeck Building Society (Piccadilly)—(2097)—		
Poncione and Leggatt—		
6440 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c. ...	21 17 10	
Re Meux and Co. (Gray's-inn-road)—(2098 and 2099)—		
Hunters, Gwatkin and Haynes—		
6441 Costs of Title and Conveyance	16 18 11	
6442 Proportion of Tenant's Rent of the "Goat" Public-house, from Midsummer to 17th August, 1883 (less Tax)	5 15 10	
Re Robinson (Piccadilly)—(2100)—		
Lane, W. H.—		
6443 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	15 15 -	
Re Klosz's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2101)—		
Allen and Son—		
6444 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	16 16 -	
Re Ranson (Piccadilly)—(2102)—		
Walker, W.—		
6445 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c. ...	7 19 10	
Re Cousens (Gray's-inn-road)—(2103)—		
Roberts, S.—		
6446 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	9 - -	
Re Kelley (Piccadilly)—(2104)		
Poncione, J. P., Jun.—		
6447 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	30 - -	
Re Aukland (Piccadilly)—(2105)—		
Bell, Brodrick and Gray—		
6448 Costs of Title, &c.	11 19 8	
Re Bateman (Piccadilly)—(2106)—		
Gamlen, Burdett, and Woodhouse—		
6449 Costs of Title, &c.	17 15 -	
Re Alden (Piccadilly)—(2107—		
Holcombe, J. F.—		
6450 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10 7 10	
Re Murray (Piccadilly)—(2108)—		
Veal, R. H.—		
6451 Costs of Title, &c.	13 18 10	
Re Woodhouse (Piccadilly)—(2109)—		
Royle and Co.—		
6452 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	9 13 4	
Carried forward	£244 14 7	34 17 9

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	244 14 7	34 17 9
Re Watkins (Piccadilly) —(2110)—		
Watkins, Mrs. E.—		
6453 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 47, Dudley-street £150 - -		
6454 Trade Compensation ... 800 - -		
	950 - -	
Cubitt-Nichols, D.—		
6455 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	18 18 -	
Re Hiscock (Piccadilly)—(2111)—		
Hiscock, G.—		
6456 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 66, Dudley-street	600 - -	
Coe, H. E.—		
6457 Surveyor's Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	14 14 -	
Coe, R. B., and Co.—		
6458 Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	5 5 -	
Re Smith and Lee (Piccadilly)—(2112)—		
Gait, J. J.—		
6459 Assistance on Trade claim	7 7 -	
Driver, Messrs.—(2113)—		
6460 Surveyors' charges, and as Witness—		
Re Soltair's Trustees (Piccadilly) £17 3 -		
,, Bailey (Piccadilly) ... ... 5 5 -		
,, Owen (Piccadilly) ... ... 14 - -		
,, Aukland (Piccadilly) ... 14 - -		
,, Müller (Piccadilly)... ... 9 9 -		
,, Bateman (Piccadilly) ... 15 8 -		
,, Murphy (Gray's-inn-road) ... 12 12 -		
	87 17 -	
Baker and Sons—(2114)—		
6461 Surveyors' charges, and as Witness—		
Re Müller (Piccadilly) ... £9 9 -		
,, C. J. Smith (Piccadilly) ... 17 17 -		
	27 6 -	
Bromley, Son and Kelday—(2115)—		
6462 Valuers' charges, *re* Gill (Piccadilly)	15 15 -	
		1,971 16 7
Tooley-street Extension (Act of 1882).		
Re Jameson—(2116)—		
Wilcox and Jameson—		
28 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.		27 12 7
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Glossop (Piccadilly)—(2117)—		
Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
938 Proportion of current Insurance Premium, Nos. 67 and 68, King-street, Soho	2 6 10	
Re Hayward (Piccadilly)—(2118)—		
Hubbard, J. J., Son and Eve—		
939 Rent of No. 40, Wardour-street, from Midsummer to 18th August, 1883 (less Tax)	9 13 2	
Carried forward	£11 19 -	2,034 6 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	11 19 -	2,034 6 11
Re Jameson (Tooley-street Extension)—(2119)— Wilcox and Jameson— 940 Proportion of Tenant's Rent in respect of No. 191, Tooley-street, from Midsummer to 31st August, 1883 (less Tax)	25 10 9	
Re Klosz's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2120)— Allen and Son— 941 Half-quarter's Rent, less Ground-rent, of No. 27, Grafton-street, and No. 1, Moor-street, Soho, from Midsummer to 10th August, 1883 (less Tax)	6 8 3	
Re Kelley (Piccadilly)—(2121) Poncione, J. P., Jun.— 942 Proportion of current Rates in respect of Nos. 67 and 68, Dudley-street, Soho	5 3 7	
Re Bateman (Piccadilly)—(2122)— Gamlen, Burdett and Woodhouse— 943 Proportion of Rent of No. 42, Wardour-street, Soho, from Midsummer to 7th September, 1883 (less Tax)	14 15 10	
Re Woodhouse (Piccadilly)—(2123)— Royle and Co— 944 Proportion of Rent of No. 66, Dudley-street, Soho, from Midsummer to 17th August, 1883 (less Tax)	2 4 5	
Re Bradshaw (Tooley-street Extension)—(2124)— Bradshaw, T.— 945 Two quarters' Rent of No. 188, Tooley-street, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)	41 2 6	
		107 5
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Fossey (Goulston-street)—(2125)— Pass, L.— 4964 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	30 - -	
Re Dunning (Whitecross-street)—(2126)— Fuller and Fuller— 4965 Costs of Arbitration	18 18 -	
Re Thomas (Little Coram-street)—(2127 and 2128)— Cookson, Wainewright and Pennington— 4966 Costs of production of Deeds	2 18 6	
Goring, Thomas, R.— 4967 Half-year's Rent of the "Tavistock Arms" Public-house, and No. 54, Great Coram-street, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax) ...	17 19 10	
Re Dyer (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2129)— Lamb, Brooks and Sherwood— 4968 Costs of Title and Conveyance—	27 1 1	
Carried forward	£96 17 5	2,141 12 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	96 17 5	2,141 12 3
Re Kendall (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2130)—		
Digby and Liddle—		
4969 Costs of Title and Conveyance	8 8 –	
Re Orgill (Whitecross-street)—(2131 and 2132)—		
Orgill, E.—		
4970 Compensation for structural damage to premises in Banner-street and Whitecross-street, St. Luke's, and obstruction of right-of-way, &c.	200 – –	
Haynes, H. J.—		
4971 Costs of Arbitration	45 – –	
Re Bissell (Whitecross-street)—(2133 and 2134)—		
Bissell, G.—		
4972 Compensation for structural damage and obstruction of right-of-way, &c., in respect of No. 126, Whitecross-street	30 – –	
Haynes, H. J.—		
4973 Costs of Arbitration	8 14 8	
		389 – 1
		2,530 13 4

Sundry Accounts.

Re Mitchell's Trustees (Putney to Clapham)—(2135)—		
De Jersey, Micklem and Son—		
1270 Proportion of Tenants' Rents in respect of premises in Borrodaile-road and Grove-terrace, Putney, from Midsummer to 30th July, 1883, and interest on Purchase-money from that date to 19th September, 1883, (less Tax)—		
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	5 2 7	
Consolidated Loans Fund	3 15 10	
		8 18 5
Reid, R.—(2136)—		
1271 Surveyor's charges, and as Witness—		
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)		
Re Bennett (Putney)... ... £16 16 –		
,, Chapman (Putney) ... 23 16 –		
,, Chelsea Waterworks (Putney) 17 10 –		
,, Pope (Putney) ... ... 18 18 –		
,, Wooley (Putney) ... ... 5 5 –		
,, Caudrey (Putney)... ... 8 8 –		
,, Sundry properties (Putney)... 15 15 –		
	106 8 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)		
Re Arundel (Piccadilly) ... £105 – –		
,, Owen (Piccadilly) ... 14 – –		
,, Soultair's Trustees (Piccadilly) ... ... 17 3 –		
,, Bailey (Piccadilly) ... 8 – –		
,, Cooke (Piccadilly) ... 7 14 –		
Carried forward ... £ 151 17 –	106 8 –	2,539 10 9

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ...	£151 17 -	106 8 -	2,539 10 9
Re Lawrence (Piccadilly) ...	17 17 -		
,, Duke of Bedford (Piccadilly)	78 15 -		
,, Müller (Piccadilly) ...	9 9 -		
,, C. J. Smith (Piccadilly)...	17 17 -		
,, Bateman (Piccadilly) ...	15 8 -		
,, Aukland (Piccadilly) ...	14 - -		
		305 3 -	
			411 11 -
			£2,951 1 9

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand more than Three months—

Streets (Act of 1877).

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Collins' Executors (Gray's-inn-road)—(714)—			
6463 Collins, Mrs. J., and Collins, R.—Purchase-money		1,000 - -	
6464 Haylock, D.—Surveyor's Fee		18 18 -	
Re Bentley (Gray's-inn-road)—(757)—			
6465 Mills, Lockyer and Mills—Mortgagees' costs ...		5 2 2	
			1,024 - 2

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Westhorp (Wells-street, Poplar)—(566)—			
4974 Westhorp, Mrs. R.—Purchase-money... ...		160 - -	
Re Millett's Trustees (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1062)— Purchase-money—			
4975 Millett, Miss F. D. T., and Millett, Miss E. J.	£135 - -		
4976 Bank of England, for Chancery ...	115 - -		
		250 - -	
4977 Bracebridge, E. L.—Surveyor's fee		9 9 -	
			419 9 -
			£1,443 9 2

Your Committee submit, for the information of the Board, a marked Catalogue and Account of sale of building materials of houses and premises in Gray's-inn-road by Messrs. Horne, Eversfield and Co. on 6th April, 1883—

Amount realised	£774 - -
Commission £7 10s. per cent	58 1 -
Amount received by Board in May, June, July, and September	£715 19 -

In compliance with the reference by the Board of the 28th ultimo, (No. 61), your Committee have considered the Notice from the Grand Junction Water-works Company, of their intention to give, on and after the 1st January next, a constant supply of Water in a portion of their district in the Parish of St. James, Westminster. Your Committee beg to report that they see no reason to dissent from the proposal.

Your Committee have proceeded on the Resolution of the Board of the 1st December, 1882 (No. 5), referring to them for consideration and report, the question of applying to

Parliament for an extension of time for the exercise of the Board's powers under the Metropolis Street Improvements Act, 1877. Your Committee, having conferred with your Solicitor, recommend—

> That the Board do apply to Parliament in the Session of 1884, to extend the time for the exercise of their powers under the Act in question, in respect of the Western Improvements, the Southwark-bridge-road and Great Dover-street communication, and the Gray's-inn-road Improvement, North of the Clerkenwell-road.

Your Committee further recommend that the extended time to be applied for be two years for the purchase of land, and three years for the completion of the work.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) W. R. SELWAY,
HENRY HARBEN,
J E. BRADFIELD,
GEORGE HILL,
Wᵐ. SHEPHERD,
W. H. DALTON,
GEO. EDWARDS,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.
DONALD MUNRO.

The marked Catalogue and Account of sale of building materials of premises in Gray's-inn-road, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Board see no reason to dissent from the proposal contained in the Notice from the Grand Junction Waterworks Company, dated 17th August, 1883, of their intention to give a constant supply of Water in a certain district in the Parish of St. James, Westminster.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and resolved—That the Board do apply to Parliament in the Session of 1884 to extend the time for the exercise of their powers under the Metropolis Street Improvements Act, 1877, in respect of the Western Improvements, the Southwark-bridge-road and Great Dover-street communication, and the portion of the Gray's-inn-road Improvement, North of the Clerkenwell-road.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Parliamentary Committee, to take all steps necessary for giving effect to the foregoing Resolution.

6. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 2nd October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz.—

DATE.	APPLICATION.
4th July, 1882.	Whitechapel District Board, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the District.
28th July, 1883.	Fulham District Board, for re-naming Rose-gardens, Hammersmith.
22nd April, 1882.	Vestry of Bethnal-green, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Parish.
3rd May, 1883.	Wandsworth District Board, for re-numbering the houses in Ringford-road, Wandsworth.

Date.	Application.
8th June, 1883.	Vestry of Chelsea, for re-numbering the houses in Maude-grove, Fulham-road.
11th June. 1883.	Mr. J. Whitaker, for incorporating Warwick-lane with Ave Maria-lane, City.
July, 1883.	Owners and residents of Fountain-court, Strand, for re-naming the Court "Savoy-buildings."
13th August, 1883.	Trustees of the Rugby Charity, for re-naming Orde Hall-street, Holborn, "Brownsover-street."

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That Chicksand-street, Whitechapel, and Halifax-street, Mile-end New-town, be incorporated under the name "Chicksand-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That George-street, Mile-end New-town, be re-named "Casson-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That King-street and Queen-street, Mile-end New-town, be incorporated under the name "Queen-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Little North-street, Whitechapel, be re-named "Winthrop-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That White's-row, and so much of Buck's-row, Whitechapel, as lies westward of the London School Board School, be incorporated under the name "White's-row, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Rose-gardens, Hammersmith, be re-named "Cardross-street, W."

That Barnsley-street and Temple-street, Bethnal-green, be incorporated under the name "Barnsley-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Collingwood-street, Three Colt's-lane, Bethnal-green, be re-numbered.

That the houses in Lisbon-street, Cambridge-road, Bethnal-green, be re-numbered.

That Herat-street, Virginia-road, Bethnal-green, be incorporated with Turk-street, and the houses re-numbered accordingly.

That the subsidiary names in Ringford-road, Wandsworth, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Maude-grove, Chelsea, be re-numbered where necessary.

That Mr. J. Whitaker be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to make any alteration in the name of Warwick-lane, E.C.

That Fountain-court, Strand, be re-named "Savoy-buildings, W.C."

That the Trustees of the Rugby Charity be informed, in reply to their Letter requesting that Orde Hall-street may be re-named Brownsover-street, that the name "Orde Hall-street" was suggested, not by this Board, but by the Freeholders and Lessee of the property, and that the name was chosen in consequence of the great respect in which the Member of the Metropolitan Board of Works for the Holborn District was held; that the District Board have been consulted upon the proposed change, and are opposed to any alteration, and that, under all the circumstances, this Board deem it inexpedient to re-name the street in question.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
DONALD MUNRO,
E. DRESSER ROGERS,
W. R. SELWAY.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Chicksand-street and

Halifax-street, in the Parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel, and the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,162, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 69, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side; and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 70, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Halifax-street. and any other name or names now in use in Chicksand-street and Halifax-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Chicksand-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of George-street, in the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,163, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 33, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 42, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name George-street, and any other name or names now in use in George-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Casson-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in King-street and Queen-street, in the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,164, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 31, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 30, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name King-street, and any other name or names now in use in King-street and Queen-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Queen-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses

and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Little North-street, in the Parish of St. Mary Whitechapel, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,165, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 29, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 44, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the name Little North-street, and any other name or names now in use in Little North-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Winthrop-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in White's-row, and so much of Buck's-row as lies Westward of the London School Board School, in the Parish of St. Mary, Whitechapel, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,166, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 35, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 36, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Buck's-row, so far as applied to the thoroughfare above defined, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "White's-row, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That Rose-gardens, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be re-named "Cardross-street, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Temple-street and Barnsley-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,167, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 49, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 66, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Temple-street, Temple-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Temple-

street and Barnsley-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Barnsley-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Collingwood-street, Three Colt's-lane, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,168, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 127, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 92, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name Collingwood-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Collingwood-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Collingwood-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Lisbon-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,169, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 41, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 26, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Lisbon-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That Herat-street, Virginia-road, Bethnal-green, be incorporated with Turk-street, and the houses re-numbered.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Ewin, and seconded by Mr. Harben—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared to be carried; and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several

houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Ringford-road, in the Parish of Wandsworth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,170, in lieu of the existing numbers as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 79, being assigned to the houses on the North-Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 84, to those on the South-Western side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest West-hill, that the names Ringford-villas, Edith-terrace. Tavistock-terrace, Adelaide-terrace, Ringford-terrace, Lincoln-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Ringford-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Ringford-road, S.W." and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, certain houses and premises on the North-Eastern side of Maude-grove, in the Parish of Chelsea, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with odd numbers, commencing with 15 and ending with 45, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,171, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; that certain numbers on the North-Eastern side of Maude-grove be abolished; and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Chelsea, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and resolbed—That Mr. Whitaker be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to make any alteration in the name of Warwick-lane, City.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 2nd day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That Fountain-court, in the Parish of St. Clement Danes, in the County of Middlesex, be re-named "Savoy-buildings, W.C.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Strand District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White, and resolbed—That a reply, in accordance with the Report, be sent to the Letter received from the Trustees of the Rugby Charity requesting that Orde Hall-street may be re-named Brownsover-street.

7. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 9th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mr. George Crouch, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle at No. 135, Stockwell-road, Lambeth, and that they have viewed the premises. Your Committee have ascertained that there are twelve licensed Slaughterhouses within a radius of about half a mile of the site; they therefore

consider it undesirable that a new Slaughterhouse should be established in the locality, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration four applications for renewal of registration under the Infant Life Protection Act. The arrangements for the keeping of the Infants continue to be satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That the applications of the following persons for renewal of registration under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at the premises named, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law in each case, fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises as follows—

Mrs. Rebecca Skuse, No. 17, Landseer-terrace, Kensal-road, Paddington, two Infants.

Mrs. Sarah Pink, No. 20, Warnington-road, Kensington, three Infants.

Mrs. Ann Chapman, No. 22, Fernlea-road, Bedford-hill, Balham, three Infants.

Mrs. Emma Hunt, No. 31, Longhedge-street, Battersea, two Infants.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mrs. Louisa Diggins, for registration for the keeping of Infants, at No. 29, Caledonia-street, King's-cross, Islington. The applicant has submitted the necessary Certificate of character, and the accommodation provided is sufficient for the number of Infants proposed to be kept. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the application of Mrs. Louisa Diggins, for registration for the keeping of Infants at No. 29, Caledonia-street, King's-cross, Islington, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law, fixing two as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

Your Committee have also had under consideration two applications for permission to increase the number of Infants kept at registered premises. The accommodation is in each case sufficient for the increased number of Infants which the applicants desire to keep, and your Committee recommend—

That the applications from the following persons for permission to keep three, instead of two Infants, as at present allowed, at their registered premises, be granted, and that the Board do make Bye-laws accordingly—

Mrs. Martha Noble, No. 4, Rosina-cottages, High-street, Homerton.

Mrs. Eliza Mostyn, No. 71, Harrow-road, Queen's-park Estate, Chelsea.

Your Committee have also to report that they have given further consideration to the Letter from the Gas Referees, asking whether the Board approved of a proposed provisional arrangement for testing the Gas used in a part of the Parish of Chelsea, and supplied from the Nine-elms works, formerly belonging to the London Gas Company, referred back by the Board on the 3rd August last (No. 6). In consequence of the recent amalgamation of the London Gas Company with the Gas Light and Coke Company, the Gas supplied to the district of the former Company will now for the first time be brought under provisions as to testing and quality, similar to those applied to the Gas of the Gas Light and Coke Company. Under the amalgamation scheme the latter Company are allowed a period of 18 months within which to provide such Testing-places and apparatus for testing the Gas supplied to the London Company's District as may be prescribed by the Gas Referees. There is already a Testing-station in Carlyle-square, Chelsea, at which the Board's Officer has hitherto tested the Gas manufactured at the Fulham Station of the Gas Light and Coke Company, which Gas passes in mains through the Parish of Chelsea to be used elsewhere. As the Carlyle-square Testing-station is in the centre of the District to which the Gas manufactured at the Nine-elms works is supplied, the Gas Referees suggest that the Gas from both works may be tested at the Station, due provision being made by duplicating the apparatus where necessary. This arrangement will render it necessary that the Examiner should each day test a double set of samples of Gas, but your Committee have ascertained that there is no practical difficulty in that being done. If the proposal

be adopted, one probable effect will be that the testing of the Gas supplied to Chelsea will be commenced at a much earlier date than it would be if a separate Station had to be provided; and another will be the greater economy that will result from working one Station in lieu of two. For these reasons your Committee consider that the proposed arrangement should be tried for a time, but that in assenting to it the Board should ask the Referees to inform them how they propose to deal with the remainder of the District formerly supplied by the London Gas Company, and your Committee recommend accordingly.

Your Committee submit a list of 79 applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum, and they recommend—

> That in 66 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in three cases Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum at the places named, in stores situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90; and that in 10 cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
FRED^K. INGOLDBY.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. George Crouch, for sanction to the establishment anew of the business of a Slaughterer of Cattle at No. 135, Stockwell-road, Lambeth, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the registration of the following persons and premises under the Infant Life Protection Act, be renewed, and that the Board do hereby make Bye-laws fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept on such premises as follows—

Mrs. Rebecca Skuse, No. 17, Landseer-terrace, Kensal-road, Paddington, two Infants.

Mrs. Sarah Pink, No. 20, Warnington-road, Kensington, three Infants.

Mrs. Ann Chapman, No. 22, Fernlea-road, Bedford-hill, Balham, three Infants.

Mrs. Emma Hunt, No. 31, Longhedge-street, Battersea, two Infants.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That Mrs. Louisa Diggins be registered under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at No. 29, Caledonia-street, King's-cross, Islington, and that the Board do hereby make a Bye-law fixing Two as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the following persons be permitted to keep Three Infants, instead of Two, as at present allowed, at their registered premises, and that the Board do hereby make Bye-laws accordingly—

Mrs. Martha Noble, No. 4, Rosina-cottages, High-street, Homerton.

Mrs. Eliza Mostyn, No. 71, Harrow-road, Queen's-park Estate, Chelsea.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Gas Referees, asking whether the Board approve of a proposed provisional arrangement for testing the Gas supplied in Chelsea, and which is manufactured at the Station which formerly belonged to the London Gas Company, at the Carlyle-square Testing-place of the Gas Light and Coke Company, be approved, that the Referees be informed that the Board do not object to the arrangement being tried for a time, and that they are desirous of being informed how the Referees propose that the remainder of the District formerly supplied by the London Gas Company shall be dealt with.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the seventy-nine persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolution were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

8. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 9th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, during the ten weeks ended the 6th instant, passes have been issued for the removal of 31,486 animals from the Metropolitan Cattle Market out of the Metropolis for the purpose of slaughter, making a total of 39,239 animals so removed since the 1st July last.

Your Committee have further to report that since the 31st July last, the date of their previous Report, outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth Disease have occurred on 15 premises in the Metropolis. The aggregate number of stock on the premises was 240. Of these 79 became affected, but 62 have recovered, leaving 17 affected animals at the date of this Report.

Your Committee have further to report that the British Dairy Farmers' Association held their annual show of dairy stock at the Agricultural-hall on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th instant, and that the Board's Officers took the necessary steps for preventing the introduction of animals suffering from contagious disease, and for supervising the cleansing and disinfection of the Hall, and the removal of the dung and litter. The number of animals for which Licenses were issued for removal out of the Metropolis was 153; and it is satisfactory to be able to report that, although Foot-and-Mouth disease was rife in several of the dairy stock-producing Counties, the precautions adopted sufficed to prevent the outbreak of any contagious disease amongst the stock at the Show.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered as to the amount of compensation to be paid to ten Owners in respect of 26 animals slaughtered in consequence of having been affected with Pleuro-pneumonia, and that they have awarded sums, amounting to £439 7s. 6d., in respect of such animals. The sum of £206 1s. 7d. has been received for the carcases, hides, &c., of the animals, leaving the net amount payable £233 5s. 11d. A statement of the amounts awarded has been forwarded to the Finance Committee, with a view to payment.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered as to the amount of compensation to be paid to three Owners in respect of 33 Swine slaughtered in consequence of having been affected with Swine (typhoid) fever, and that they have awarded sums amounting to £28 1s. in respect of such animals. A statement of the amounts awarded has been forwarded to the Finance Committee, with a view to payment.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
FRED$^{K.}$ INGOLDBY.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

9. Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 10th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that the raising and spreading of soil on Brook-green and other Open Spaces North of the Thames renders it necessary that twelve navvy barrows should be obtained. The estimated cost is £18. And your Committee recommend—

That the expenditure of that sum be sanctioned.

The attention of your Committee has from time to time, been drawn by the owners and occupiers of houses in the vicinity of Finsbury-park to the damage and danger incurred by them, by reason of the cricket-balls which are struck over the boundary fence into the adjoining roads. Your Committee have made inquiries and have ascertained that the complaints are well founded, and, moreover, that the public using the footpath between the Park and the New River and the Cricket-ground, are also endangered by the balls. Your Committee are of opinion that the Board should take all reasonable steps for the protection of the public, and they therefore recommend—

That an expenditure of £87 be sanctioned for placing wire fencing, six feet high, along the boundary fence of the Finsbury-park Cricket-ground next the roads and path referred to.

Your Committee have also to report that the time has arrived when it is necessary to purchase bulbs for the Spring decoration of the Parks and Gardens under the control of the Board. In previous years the Board have sanctioned an expenditure of £72 2s. 0d. for the purpose ; and your Committee recommend—

That a similar expenditure be sanctioned for this year, and that the amount be distributed as follows—

	£	s.	d.
For Finsbury-park	10	0	0
„ Southwark-park	10	0	0
„ Victoria and Albert Embankments	30	0	0
„ Leicester-square-garden	25	0	0
„ Chelsea Embankment-gardens	2	2	0
	£77	2	0

Your Committee may add, for the information of the Board, that they have received Tenders for the supply of the bulbs from four Nurserymen, and that, whereas twenty-one thousand were obtained last year, Messrs. James Veitch and Son are willing to supply a greater quantity for the same sum this year.

Your Committee have also to report that repairs are necessary to the horse-roller, the water-cart, the pony-cart, and several of the hand-carts and wheelbarrows in use in Finsbury-park ; and they recommend—

That the repairs be executed.

Your Committee have to report that a considerable portion of the turf of the Cricket-ground in Southwark-park has been destroyed, so far as the grass surface is concerned, during the past year, by the ravages of the Tipula grub. To make good the damage, your Committee recommend—

That 2,000 turfs be obtained, at an estimated cost of £10, and that they be laid on the portion of the Cricket-ground referred to.

On visiting Southwark-park, in August last, your Committee had their attention called to the necessity for repairing and painting the refreshment house there. They have had an estimate before them from which it appears that the cost of repairing, graining, and varnishing the house will be £52. Your Committee, considering the work a necessary one, beg to recommend—

That the expenditure be sanctioned.

On the 28th September last (No. 87), the Board approved of a Scheme for the management of Streatham-common, and they presented a Memorial to the Land Commissioners for their approval thereof [and requested that steps might be taken, to place the Common under the control of the Board. Your Committee have now to report that the Commissioners have made certain alterations in the Scheme, but that they do not appear to be such as will substantially interfere with the Board's views with respect to the Common. Your Committee, however, consider that, in order to establish the *locus standi* of the Board, they should appear before the Commissioners, and submit suggestions with regard to the amended Scheme, with a view of rendering it as nearly as possible identical with that prepared by the Board. Your Committee recommend—

That the Board do adopt that view, and issue the necessary instructions to their Solicitor accordingly.

The attention of your Committee has, from time to time, been called to the state of the large pond on Peckham-rye-common, which is in a very offensive condition. Your Committee are of opinion, having regard to the position of the pond in the immediate vicinity of inhabited houses, that steps should be at once taken for having it cleansed; and they beg to recommend—

That the Board do authorise the execution of the necessary works, at an estimated cost of £130.

Your Committee have also to report that the small pond at Peckham-rye-common requires to be cleaned out, and that the work is estimated to cost £45. Your Committee recommend—

That the expenditure of that amount be sanctioned.

Your Committee have to report, further with reference to Peckham-rye-common, that there are several old seats thereon which are in a very dilapidated condition; and they beg to recommend—

That steps be taken for the repair of those seats, at an estimated cost of £41 7s. 6d.

Your Committee have also to report that it is, in their opinion, desirable to provide 12 seats, with backs, for the use of the public frequenting Peckham-rye-common, and four similar seats for placing on Nunhead-green. The estimated cost of these seats is £44, and your Committee beg to recommend—

That the expenditure of that amount be sanctioned.

Your Committee beg to submit herewith, for the information of the Board, a Plan of Peckham-rye-common, showing a number of places where encroachments are being made on the Board's land by adjoining occupiers. As the only way to prevent such encroachments, and maintain the Board's boundary intact, is to erect short lengths of post-and-rail fencing at the points referred to, your Committee beg to recommend—

That the fencing be erected at an estimated cost of £84.

Your Committee have to report that, owing to the sudden rush of water, during storms, along the Vale of Health, Hampstead, the pipe of the drain becomes blocked and a temporary flood ensues. To prevent this, your Committee are of opinion that a paved channel should be constructed along this portion of the Heath at an estimated cost of £19, and they recommend—

That the work be sanctioned.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of mops, forks, and zinc for use in Finsbury-park; brooms, stakes, and sacking for the Victoria Embankment-gardens; old planks for Brook-green; stakes, tools, and brooms for use in the Chelsea Embankment-gardens, and rails, bolts, nuts, and screws for the seats in Leicester-square-garden, and also some sacking, shovels, pickaxes, shafts, and grafting tools for use on the various Open Spaces North of the Thames. For Southwark-park, your

Committee have authorised the purchase of forks, oil, driers, cord, iron basins, and glass; jute cuttings, tarred cord, brooms, and a few tools for use at Peckham-rye-common, Clapham-common, and Tooting Commons, and some gardening implements for use on Goose-green. Your Committee have likewise ordered repairs to be executed to the entrance gates of the Chelsea Embankment-gardens, and an open pale fence to be erected around the watch-box on Peckham-rye-common, and repairs to be executed to the drinking fountain there. They have likewise directed your Superintending Architect to execute repairs in connection with the Point on Blackheath and the Keeper's lodge at Bostall-heath. They have also sanctioned an expenditure for materials and repairs ordered by your Superintending Architect, on emergency, during the Recess, in connection with Parks and Open Spaces, and they have, in accordance with the usual custom, directed that a supply of coal and coke and water-proof clothing and boots, be obtained in connection with the Parks and Gardens, &c., under the Board's control.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. R. LLOYD,
HENRY HARBEN,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEORGE HILL,
Wᴹ SHEPHERD,
W. H. DALTON,
GEO. EDWARDS,
DONALD MUNRO.

The Plan, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That twelve navvy wheelbarrows be obtained for use on the various Open Spaces North of the Thames, at an estimated cost of £18.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That wire fencing be placed along the top of the boundary fence of the Cricket-ground in Finsbury-park, to prevent injury to the public and adjoining property, at an estimated cost of £87.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the usual expenditure for bulbs for planting in the Board's Parks and Gardens be sanctioned, as follows—

	£	s.	d.
For Finsbury-park	10	0	0
,, Southwark-park	10	0	0
,, Victoria and Albert Embankments	30	0	0
,, Leicester-square-garden	25	0	0
,, Chelsea Embankment-gardens	2	2	0
	£77	2	0

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the necessary repairs be executed to the horse-roller, water-cart, pony-cart, hand-carts, and wheelbarrows in Finsbury-park.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That 2,000 turfs be obtained, at an estimated cost of £10, for repairing the Cricket-ground in Southwark-park.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the refreshment house in Southwark-park be repaired, grained and varnished, at an estimated cost of £52.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the Board, in order to establish their *locus standi* in connection with the Streatham-common Scheme, as amended by the Land Commissioners, do appear before the Commissioners and submit suggestions with regard to such amended Scheme, with a view of rendering it as nearly as possible identical with the Scheme originally prepared by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the large pond on Peckham-rye-common be cleaned out, at an estimated cost of £130.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the small pond on Peckham-rye-common be cleaned out, at an estimated cost of £45.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the seats on Peckham-rye-common be repaired, at an estimated cost of £41 7s. 6d.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That twelve seats, with backs, be provided and placed on Peckham-rye-common, and four on Nunhead-green, at a total estimated cost of £44.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That various short lengths of fencing be erected, at an estimated cost of £84, as shown on the Plan submitted with the Report, to prevent encroachment being made on the Board's land at Peckham-rye-common.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That a paved channel be constructed, at an estimated cost of £19, along the Vale of Health, Hampstead, to take off the storm water from that part of the Heath.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

10. Mr. Fowler, in the absence of Lord F. J. FitzRoy, the Chairman of the Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE THAMES RIVER (PREVENTION OF FLOODS) COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 10th October, 1883.

Your Committee have had before them the Letter, referred by the Board on the 16th March last (No. 43), from Mr. H. T. Boodle, on behalf of His Grace the Duke of Westminster, thanking the Board and their Engineer for the Estimate of the cost of works required to the River-wall at Millbank, expressing a hope that, at no distant period, the Board, or some other public authority, may bring forward an embankment scheme in continuation of the embankment near the Houses of Parliament, and stating that His Grace would give every facility for the carrying out of a good scheme, but that, in view of the probability of such a scheme, a considerably less outlay than £700 seemed advisable. Since the date of the reference the tenants of the Duke of Westminster have executed protective works, and it is unnecessary for the Board to take any further steps in the matter. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee beg to recommend—

That your Engineer be authorised to arrange for the execution of the necessary protective works at Malthouse Wharf, Fulham, adjoining the works for the new Putney Bridge, and also to carry out the necessary permanent works in the event of no attention being paid to a warning Letter, which the Committee have ordered to be sent.

Your Committee also recommend—

That a formal Order be served on the Owner of the premises numbered 724 on the Plan of the Wandsworth District, calling upon him to raise the sill of the door-way of his premises in the manner shown on the Plan prepared by your Engineer, which is submitted herewith.

Your Committee submit a Plan, showing the line and level of Flood-works immediately necessary for protecting the locality known as Waterside, in the Wandsworth District, from overflow of the Thames. The Board, on the 22nd December last (No. 16), approved of a Plan of works to be executed in a straight line across the foreshore; but, in consequence of objections raised by the District Board, your Engineer, on the advice of your Solicitor, has prepared another Plan, in which the works follow the contour of the River bank. Your Committee recommend—

That this Plan be approved.

Your Committee have also to report that further proceedings have recently been taken for breaches of the Board's Regulations as to movable dams, and that fines of £10, in two cases, and £5 in a third, with costs, were imposed on the offending persons.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
HENRY HARBEN,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. R. SELWAY.

The Plans submitted with the Report were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Mr. H. T. Boodle, on behalf of His Grace the Duke of Westminster, on the subject of works required to the River-wall at Millbank, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the Engineer be authorised to arrange for the execution of the necessary protective works at Malthouse Wharf, Fulham (No. 91B on the Plan of the Fulham District), adjoining the works of the new Putney Bridge, and also to carry out the necessary permanent works, in the event of no attention being paid to a warning Letter, which the Committee have directed to be sent.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That an Order be served on the Owner of the premises numbered 724 on the Plan of the Wandsworth District, calling upon him to raise the sill of the door-way of the said premises in the manner shown upon the Plan prepared by the Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the Plan, prepared under the 7th Section of the Metropolis Management (Thames River Prevention of Floods) Amendment Act, 1879, showing the line and level of Flood-works immediately necessary for the protection of the locality known as Waterside, in the Wandsworth District, now submitted, be approved, in substitution of the Plan approved by the Board on the 22nd December last (No. 16).

11. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 12th October, 1883, on an application from the Vestry of Rotherhithe, for permission to stop up a certain thoroughfare for the period and purpose therein mentioned, viz—

Date of Application.	Name of Street to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
1883. 6th October	Commercial-dock-road, between Elgar-street and Lady-dock Bridge.	Paving.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	Northward by Rotherhithe-street.
	Commercial-dock-road, between Lady-dock Bridge and the entrance to the Surrey Commercial Docks.	Do.	3 „	3 „	Southward to Plough Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfare in question by the Vestry of Rotherhithe, for the purpose of executing paving work therein, for the period recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the work.

12. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 11th October, 1883, on Letters from Mr. H. Davis, No. 32, Stapleton-hall-road, Stroud-green, complaining of the imperfect cleansing of the carriage-way of that road, and also of the occasional flooding of his premises; setting forth the facts, and recommending that a communication in accordance with the Report be sent to Mr. Davis.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mr. Davis be informed in accordance therewith.

13. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 11th October, 1883, stating that it would be necessary for the execution of a portion of the works of the intended Clapham, &c., Relief Sewers, that the Board and their Contractor should temporarily enter upon and occupy certain lands and premises, as shown upon the Plan and described in the Schedule submitted with the Report, and recommending the Board to pass the usual Order for the purpose.

The Plan and Schedule referred to were laid before the Board.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas, for the purpose of constructing and executing certain Sewers and works, ordered by this Board, in exercise of the powers vested in them by the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, it is necessary that the undermentioned Officers and Contractor of the Board, with their assistants, servants, and workmen, should enter upon and otherwise lawfully interfere with the lands and premises mentioned and referred to in the Schedule, and shown on the Plan, now produced to the Board; it is resolved and ordered—That, for the purpose of constructing and executing the said Sewers and works, Sir Joseph William Bazalgette, C.B., Engineer of this Board; John Grant, an Assistant Engineer of this Board; John Waddell, Contractor of this Board, and their assistants, servants, and workmen, and each and every of them, be empowered and required to enter upon and do all necessary and lawful acts in and upon the said lands and premises for the execution of the said works, or any of them, on notice to be given to the occupiers of the said lands and premises Three days at least before such entry.

14. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 12th October, 1883, stating that the following Stores were required for use at the under-mentioned Pumping Stations, viz.—

	Estimate.
Abbey Mills Station.	
1,000 Tons of Welsh Coal	£791 13 4
1,000 Tons of Tanfield-moor Coal	675 0 0
Crossness Station.	
1,000 Tons of Tanfield-moor Coal	£683 6 8
400 Tons of Welsh Coal	358 6 8
Deptford Station.	
300 Tons of Welsh Coal	233 15 0
15 cwt. of block Boiler Solvent	31 10 0
Western Station.	
10 cwt. of Boorn's Eagle Boiler Composition	21 0 0
Total... ...	£2,794 11 8

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Stores be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 12th October, 1883, recommending the execution, under the General Contract, of the following works to the Fleet Sewer Relief line—

	Estimate.
Altering and repairing Ventilating-shafts in Gray's-inn-road, by Guilford-street	£40 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

16. The Solicitor presented copies of the undermentioned Acts passed last Session—

Croydon and Norwood Tramways Act.
South London Tramways Act.

17. The Solicitor stated that, in respect of any Bills to be promoted by the Board in the next Session of Parliament, a *Gazette* notice would have to be inserted in the newspapers on or about the 12th of November next, and that Plans and Books of Reference must be deposited by the 30th of that month; and that notice of any Schemes under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, would have to be given during three consecutive weeks in the month of November next, but that the Schemes, with Plans and Estimates, must be deposited at the Home Office, before the insertion of the first Notice, and that practically, therefore, as to those Schemes, the Plans and Books of Reference must be completed by the end of the second week of November.

18. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £200,000 to the School Board for London, and he suggested that this Board should now draw a Cheque for £100,000, the amount of the first instalment, and also a Cheque for £125 for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage deed.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £100,000 and £125 respectively be now drawn; and Cheques were drawn on the General Capital, and General Working Accounts accordingly.

19. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements for the undermentioned Loans had been completed, and that the Cheques had been duly handed over in exchange for the proper securities—

	AMOUNT OF LOAN.
Fulham District Board	£2,000 0 0
Do do.	2,500 0 0
St. Pancras Guardians	10,000 0 0
St. George, Hanover-square, Commissioners of Baths, &c.	5,000 0 0

20. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £3,000 to the Poplar District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorising the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Board of Works for the Poplar District (hereinafter referred to as the District Board), under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction in writing to the borrowing by the District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, within the said District, of a sum of Three thousand pounds, required by the District Board for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred, or to be incurred, by them in effecting an Improvement at the South end of the Old Ford-road, by making a new road from the Old Ford-road to Bow-road, within the said District. And whereas the Metropolitan Board of Works have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of Three thousand pounds should be borrowed by the District Board, for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction, in writing, of the Metropolitan Board of Works be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the District Board, under the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of Three thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by equal annual instalments, within a period of Fifteen years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £3,000 be now drawn in favour of the Poplar District Board; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

21. The Solicitor reported that it was necessary that a sum of £70 1s. 8d. should be paid to the Registrar of the Southwark County Court, in respect of damages and costs, payable by the Board, in the matter of an action (Nice *v.* the Board) respecting an accident in Tooley-street, and that, as it might be requisite to pay part of the sum, viz., £40, into the Superior Court, he suggested that the Board should authorise the Accountant to make the Cheque payable "to Bearer."

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £70 1s. 8d. be now drawn; and a Cheque was drawn on the Fire Brigade Working Account, payable to the Registrar of the Southwark County Court, or Bearer.

22 The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Conveyance by the Trustees of the Will of Mr. S. Smirke, of the premises Nos. 7 and 8, Bloomsbury-street, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

Conveyance to the Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund, of five plots of land, situated in, and having frontages to, Whitecross-street, Coleman-street, Blue Anchor-alley, Twisters-alley, and Chequer-alley, for the erection thereon of Artizans' Dwellings, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Whitecross-street Scheme).

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

23. The Clerk presented a Report of the Chief Gas Examiner, appointed by the Board of Trade, of the results of the daily testings of the Gas supplied by the Metropolitan Gas Companies during the months of July, August, and September last.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Report be printed and circulated amongst the Members of the Board.

24. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. A. Corsellis, Clerk of the Wandsworth District Board, dated 5th October, 1883, transmitting a Plan of an Improvement which the District Board proposed to carry out in York-road, Battersea, at a cost of £2,000 for the purchase of land, and requesting this Board to sanction the carrying out of the work, and to contribute towards the cost thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

25. The Clerk presented a Memorial from Owners of property and ratepayers in the Parish of Acton, praying the Board to receive a Deputation of the inhabitants to submit terms and conditions whereby the present system of drainage of the Parish might be continued.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the Deputation be received by the Board on Friday next, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

26. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. Saveraux, Secretary of the National Sunday League, dated 5th October, 1883, transmitting a Balance-sheet showing that the result of the Band performances in Finsbury-park on eleven Sundays during the past season, was a loss of £31 16s. 5d.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

27. The Clerk presented a Letter from Sir J. B. Monckton, Town Clerk of the City of London, dated 5th October, 1883, stating that the Select Water Supply Committee of the Corporation would be glad to have a conference with the Works and General Purposes Committee of this Board, on the subject of the amendment of the laws in force regulating the supply of Water to the Metropolis.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, with authority to confer with the Committee of the Corporation upon the subject.

28. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Lushington, Home Office, dated 8th October, 1883, transmitting an Instrument signifying the consent of the Home Secretary to the taking compulsorily by the Board of premises known as London Wharf, for the purposes of their Ratcliff-highway, &c., and Northern High Level (Hackney) Relief Sewer works.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Instrument be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which they relate.

29. The Clerk presented an Official Representation, as follows—

Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875.

Shelton-street, Drury-lane — St. Giles' District Improvement.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

I, Samuel Robert Lovett, of 13, Great Russell-street, in the County of Middlesex, L.R.C.P., Ed., Medical Officer of Health for the St. Giles's District, in the County of Middlesex, do hereby make an Official Representation within the meaning of the said Act to you, as being the Local Authority within the meaning of the said Act, with reference to a certain area within the Parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, within the District of the St. Giles District Board of Works within the Metropolis, to the effect following, that is to say—

1.—I represent that the houses, courts, and alleys delineated and described on the Plan hereunto annexed, and signed by me, by a dark Red colour, and situate within the St. Giles District, are unfit for human habitation.

2.—And I further represent that diseases indicating a generally low condition of health amongst the population thereof, have been from time to time prevalent in the area within the said District delineated by the dark Red and light Red colours on the Plan hereunto annexed, and that such prevalence may reasonably be attributed to the closeness and narrowness, and bad arrangement, and the bad condition of the streets and houses and groups of houses within the said area, and to the want of light, air, ventilation, and proper conveniences, and other sanitary defects.

And I further represent that the evils connected with the said houses, courts, and alleys, and other sanitary defects within the said area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within the said area coloured dark Red and light Red, or some of them.

Dated this Ninth day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Three.

(Signed) S. R. LOVETT.

The following are the places comprised within the area, with the number of houses and o the present inhabitants.

	Number of Houses.	Number of Inhabitants.
Shelton-street	36	686
Parker-street	21	269
Macklin-street	18	376
Drury-lane	2	21
Kennedy-court	8	145
Star-court	11	82
Cross-lane	8	96
Chapel-yard	4	47
	108	1,722

It was **moved** by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and **resolved**—That the said Representation be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

30. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. E. Salway, Clerk to the Vestry of Chelsea, dated 9th October, 1883, stating that the Vestry had completed the undermentioned Improvements, and requesting payment of the Board's promised contributions thereto—

No. 75. Widening Lot's-road.

,, 77. Dartrey-road (South-West corner).

,, 78. Fulham-road (fronting the Cancer Hospital).

,, 80. Widening of the entrance to Norman-street from College-place.

,, 81. Dartrey-road (North end).

,, 82. Flood-street (projecting houses between Redburn-street and Robinson-street).

It was **moved** by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and **resolved**—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

31. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

Clerk's Office,
213, Kingsland-road, London, E.
8th October, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed by the Guardians of this Parish to apply to your Board for a Loan of £18,050, which they are authorised to raise by the Local Government Board's Order, dated the 25th ultimo, for the purpose of erecting Casual Wards, and providing further accommodation for the In-door Poor of the Parish, upon land recently acquired by them.

The Guardians propose to re-pay the Loan within thirty years, the amount being that estimated to be expended on buildings only.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ROBT. CLAY,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was **moved** by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and **resolved**—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

32. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. A. Corsellis, Clerk to the Wandsworth District Board, dated 10th October, 1883, stating that the District Board proposed to effect an Improvement by widening Lombard-road, Battersea, as shown on the Plan accompanying the Letter, at a cost of £760 for the purchase of the property required, and asking this Board to sanction the work, and to make a contribution of not less than one-half of the cost thereof.

It was **moved** by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and **resolved**—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

33. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Ellis, Clerk to the Hackney District Board, dated 10th October, 1883, asking for payment of this Board's promised contribution towards the cost (£135) of the completed Improvement in Mare-street.

It was **moved** by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and **resolved**—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report; and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

34. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. M. Jenkins, Clerk to the Strand District Board, dated 11th October, 1883, stating that the District Board had passed a Resolution

to the effect that the contemplated expenditure for a low-level Bridge, East of London Bridge, was too serious a burden on the ratepayers.

It was moved by Mr. J. Jones, and seconded—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. White, and seconded by Mr. Pocock—That the said Letter be received.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared to be carried; and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. Bishop, dated 11th October, 1883, asking, with reference to the application of ratepayers of the Old-street Ward of the Parish of St. Luke, for an increase in the number of Vestrymen assigned to the Wards of the Parish, whether a Deputation could be received by the Committee to whom the application stood referred.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and that they be authorised to receive a Deputation on the subject to which it relates.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. P. Wells, dated 12th October, 1883, relative to his design for widening London Bridge, and transmitting his Plans, and also a Letter addressed to the Corporation of the City of London on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto.

37. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 9th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill	17·2	16.7	16·9	10·0	7·7	8·4	0·3	0 0	0·1	None.
	Camden	16·8	16·3	16·5	9·3	8·3	9·0	0·4	0·2	0·3	„
	Dalston	17·3	16·9	17·2	17·6	15·3	16·6	0·2	0 0	0·0	„
	Bow	17·3	16·7	17·1	13·2	9·0	11·3	0·9	0·4	0·7	„
	Chelsea	16·7	16·2	16·5	13·5	10·2	12·3	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·4	16·7	17·0	13·8	9·0	10·8	0·2	0·1	0·2	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·5	20·7	21·0	10·9	8·4	9·7	0·8	0·6	0.7	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham	Station closed for repairs.									
	Tooley-street	16·7	16·0	16·3	11·5	11·0	11·2	0·4	0·0	0·2	„
	Clapham	16·9	16·4	16·6	10·6	9·5	10·0	0·8	0·0	0·1	„
	Lewisham	16·8	16·3	16·5	14·7	7·9	9·2	2·0	0·4	0·9	„
Commercial Gas Company	Old Ford	17·5	17·0	17·3	11·1	9·4	10·1	0 4	0·2	0·3	„
	St. George-in-the-East	16·9	16·0	16 5	7·4	6·3	7·0	0·1	0·0	0·0	„

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, in Vauxhall-bridge-road, on the 8th instant at 6.30 p.m., was 2·6 inches.

38. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. H. Kersey, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of porches and barge-boards of wood to two houses on the East side of Wyleu-street, Honor-oak-park, Brockley.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

39. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. G. Masters and Sons, on behalf of Mr. E. Child, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 9, Forest-hill-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shop from the public way, be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

40. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Kilbourne, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey bays to two houses on the East side of Cator-street, Commercial-road, Peckham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

41. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. J. Barclay, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three one-storey shops on the West side of The Grove, Hammersmith, at the corner of Beadon-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

42. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. D. Oates, on behalf of Dr. Haycock, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 79 and 81, Clarence-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

43. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. W. Thompson, on behalf of Mr. T. M. Millar, for the consent of the Board to the erection of thirteen houses, with bays, on the North side of Tryon's-place, Mare-street, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

44. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Preedy, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of two houses, with shops, on the North side of Dalston-lane, at the corner of Norfolk-road, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

45. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Farrow and Harris, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Church on the West side of Hornsey-road, between Mayton-street and Arthur-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

46. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Prescott, for the consent of the Board to the erection of four houses, with shops, on a portion of the forecourt of Elmsdale House, Newington-green-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded and resolved—That the application be not granted.

47. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. H. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of the "Lamb" beer-house, No. 1, Shakespear-terrace, Holloway-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

48. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Porter and Abraham, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, with one-storey shops, on the South side of Hanley-road, at the corner of Regina-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

49. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Kensington Vestry, relative to the erection of a house on the North side of Observatory-gardens, at the corner of Campden House-road, alleged to be in advance of the line approved by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

50. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Holland and Hannen, on behalf of Mr. W. Agnew, M.P., for the Board's approval of a Plan for the construction of an iron fernery and lavatory at the rear of No. 11, Great Stanhope-street, Park-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

51. St. Luke, Old-street.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Christian, on behalf of Mr. G. Ell, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Windsor-terrace, City-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

52. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd October, 1883, on the application Mr. C. W. Dempsey, on behalf of Mr. W. A. Clingo, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Conservatory upon the forecourt of No. 18, Finchley-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

53. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 2nd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Webster, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Grimshaw, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a covered way at No. 45, Avenue-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

54. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Frost, for the consent of the Board to the erection of eight houses, with one-storey bay-windows, on the North side of Lavender-hill, Battersea, between Lavender Lodge and Wymering-terrace, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

55. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. H. Martineau, on behalf of Mr. Hastings, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards and wooden porches and half-timber work, to a house on the South side of Leigham-court-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

56. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf Mr. W. Hall, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron building in a yard at the rear of houses in Layard-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

57. Newington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. S. Lockhart, on behalf of Mr. E. Carpenter, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft in Sutherland-place, Walworth.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

58. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Crampton, on behalf of Messrs. White, Palmer and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at Warspite Wharf, Charlton.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

59. Poplar.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Nicholls, on behalf of Messrs. Hemming and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and brick building at the Iron Works, in Morville-street, Tredegar-road, Old Ford.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

60. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. J. D. Cameron, on behalf of the South London Tramways Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron and wood building, adjoining the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, in Queen's-road, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

61. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Eldred, Junr., on behalf of the General Printing Block Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at the rear of premises in Surrey-lane, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

62. BERMONDSEY.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Bermondsey, relative to the erection of certain additions to houses, and new cottages and stabling in Sarah's-place, South-street, Long-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

63. BETHNAL-GREEN.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Hammack and Lambert, on behalf of Mr. Sapsworth, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of buildings on the East side of Punderson's-gardens, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

64. CHELSEA.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, relative to the projection upon the foot-way of steps in front of Nos. 41, 56, and 57, Elm-park-gardens, and asking the Board to take action with respect thereto.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

65. GREENWICH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Peacock, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and extension of roads on the Lucas Estate, in connection with Ravensbourne-road, Deptford.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

66. GREENWICH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Lockyer, Son, and Cox, on behalf of Messrs. Chambers and Stenteford, for approval by the Board of a further amended Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of Marsh-lane, East Greenwich.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

67. HACKNEY.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Blyton, on behalf of Dr. T. B. Gildersleeves,

for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of Marsh-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application be not granted.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and seconded by Mr. Fowler—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the the Committee when subject shall be considered.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared to be carried, and, having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

68. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Withers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of buildings on the South side of Northwold-road, Clapton, at the corner of Alconbury-road, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

69. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Belton, on behalf of the United Land Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the North-East side of Highgate-hill, and of the names "Bismarck-road, N.," "Despard-road, N.," and "Lydyard-road, N.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

70. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Cole, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of an extension of Carson-road into Park-road, East Dulwich.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

71. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. J. Jarrard, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Brockley-lane, and the conversion of the footpath leading from Brockley-lane to St. John's into a road-way 40 feet in width.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

72. Poplar.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Hill and Fletcher, on behalf of Mr. E. Wood, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the Old Ford-road, Bow.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

73. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Reed, on behalf of Mr. W. F. Ecroyd, M.P., and others, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Surrey-square, Old Kent-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

74. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf Mr. H. Shaw, for approval by the Board of a further amended Plan for the construction of an open shed in a yard at the rear of houses in Staple-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

75. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two open iron sheds at the rear of the School-building in Leipsic-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

76. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two open iron sheds at the rear of the School-building in Heber-road, Dulwich.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

77. City of London.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. W. Moore, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of Nos. 69 and 70, Mark-lane, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

78. City of London.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Hillier and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a building at the rear of the Corn Exchange-buildings in Seething-lane, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

79. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Mowlem and Co., on behalf of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of buildings at Letts Wharf, in Commercial-road, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

80. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of three open iron sheds in the playground of the School-building in Melvin-road, Penge.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

81. Poplar.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two open iron sheds in the playground of the School-building in Bromley-hall-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

82. St. Saviour, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Messrs. Measures Brothers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a building at No. 15, Southwark-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

83. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two open iron sheds in the playground of the School-building in Latchmere-road, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

84. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of two open iron sheds in the playground of the School-building in Merton-road, Tooting.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

85. Woolwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Braby and Co., on behalf of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open iron shed at the rear of premises in Powis-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

86. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Hampton and Sons, on behalf of Lord Ellenborough, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of double casements to windows at No. 6, Buckingham-gate, not set in reveal, as required by the 14th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

87. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. W. Hunt, on behalf of the Rev. C. E. Brooke, Vicar of St. John the Divine, Kennington, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of the St. John's Parish Room, in Frederick-crescent, Vassall-road, Kennington.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

88. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 10th October,

1883, on the application of Mr. F. Wallen, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of a Fee for a special service performed by him in certifying that a chimney-breast in the West party-wall of the "Apollo" Public-house, in Upper James-street, Camden-town, might be cut away.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 10s. in respect of the special service referred to.

89. City of London (Western Division).—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Blake, on behalf of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, for the appointment by the Board of Fees to Mr. Rawlinson Parkinson, District Surveyor for the District of the Western Division of the City of London, in respect of services performed by him in surveying Dangerous Structures within that District.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, amounting to Four pounds ten shillings, as specified in the Accounts, numbered 1 to 6, now presented to this Board, be paid to Mr. Rawlinson Parkinson, the District Surveyor, mentioned in such Accounts, in respect of services performed by him in surveying Dangerous Structures within the City of London.

90. City of London.—Read a communication from Mr. Edward Power, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of the Southern Division of the City of London, dated 6th October, 1883, notifying that certain alterations at No. 21, Warwick-square, were about to be carried out under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor, as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. Edward Power, District Surveyor for the District of the Southern Division of the City of London, did, on the 6th day of October, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Edward Power, was engaged to act professionally in respect of certain alterations at No. 21, Warwick-square, and the said Edward Power has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Rawlinson Parkinson, District Surveyor for the District of the Western Division of the City of London, be appointed by this Board. and the said Rawlinson Parkinson is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

91. Clerkenwell.—Read a communication from Mr. Ernest Carritt, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of Clerkenwell and part of Islington, dated 2nd October, 1883, notifying that the premises No. 41, Red Lion-street, were about to be re-built under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. Ernest Carritt, District Surveyor for the District of Clerkenwell and part of Islington, did on the 2nd day of October, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Ernest Carritt, was engaged to act professionally in respect of the re-building of No. 41, Red Lion-street, Clerkenwell, and the said Ernest Carritt has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Frederick William Porter, District Surveyor for the District of Holborn and East Strand, &c., be appointed by this Board, and the said Frederick William Porter is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

92. Kensington.—Read a communication from Mr. Alfred Williams, Assistant District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of South Kensington, dated 8th October, 1883, notifying that four buildings in Old Brompton-road were about

to be erected under his professional superintendence, by and with the consent and concurrence of Mr. Thomas Leverton Donaldson, the District Surveyor, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas Mr. Alfred Williams, Assistant District Surveyor for the District of South Kensington, did, on the 8th day of October 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said Alfred Williams was engaged, by and with the consent and concurrence of the said Mr. Thomas Leverton Donaldson, to act professionally in the erection of four buildings in Old Brompton-road, and the said Alfred Williams has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Sancton Wood, District Surveyor for the District of St. Luke, Chelsea, be appointed by this Board, and the said Sancton Wood is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

93. Metropolis.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, Licenses in respect of the undermentioned temporary buildings—

Mission-hall in Pedlar's-orchard, Stepney.
Shed in Evelyn-street, Deptford.
School-buildings in Dennett's-grove, Deptford.
Do. Grange-road, Bermondsey.
Do. Coburg-road, Camberwell.
Do. Plough-lane, Battersea.
Do. Surrey-mews, Surrey-square, Old Kent-road.
Do. Friar-street, Southwark.
Do. Detmold-road, Clapton.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses ; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

94. The following Notice of Motion was given for the next Meeting of the Board, viz.—By Mr. J. Jones (No. 1,316)—That the Letter from the Strand District Board, relative to the estimated cost of a Bridge over the Thames below London Bridge, be considered at the next Meeting of the Board.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 19th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 10.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **19th** day of **October**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Donald Munro, Esq.	John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
Charles Harris, Esq.	Robert Cox, Esq.	Robert Furniss, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.	John Jones, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	George Edwards, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	William Robson, Esq.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.	Robert Jones, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.	George Phillips, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	John Abbott, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.	John Robert Jolly, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	Alfred Pocock, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.	James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
	Thomas Turner, Esq.	
	Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.	
	Lieut.-Col. Lord Frederick John FitzRoy.	

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 12th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. A Deputation from ratepayers &c., of the Parish of Acton, introduced by Mr. Brown, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz.—Mr. J. P. Hope, Mr. O. E. Coope, M.P., the Rev. C. M. Longhurst, Mr. A. Norman, Mr. G. E. Bywaters, Mr. F. Bray, Mr. C. E. Tisdall, Mr. W. Heath, Mr. S. Jennings, Mr. J. Thorpe, Mr. J. Marter, Mr. T. M. Bovey, Mr. J. Kershaw, Mr. H. Dawbarn, Mr. R. Linford, Mr. J. Turnham, Mr. J. Ward, and Mr. A. G. Fenn, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

Memorial to the Honourable the Chairman and Members of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned Owners and Ratepayers of the Parish of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, beg most respectfully to approach your Honourable Board with reference to the drainage of the said Parish.

From time immemorial, the said Parish drained direct into the Thames, through the Stamford-brook; but on the formation of your Board, this natural channel was diverted by the

construction of your Western Metropolitan system. In connection therewith, however, provision was made for the reception of the drainage of the said Parish, and it has since flowed through the said system.

Your Memorialists are aware that a long pending action at law between your Board, and the Acton Local Board has lately been decided by Mr. Justice Fry, by whom an Injunction has been granted, prohibiting further connections being made, but granting the said Parish the right to drain in perpetuity through your said system, so far as at present connected therewith.

Your Memorialists have been informed on high authority, that the feeling of your Board is not adverse to taking the sewage of Acton, but that the large volume of storm water flowing into your said system through this channel has become a serious difficulty.

At a large and representative Public Meeting, held on Tuesday, September, 25th, 1883, and attended by upwards of 600 Owners and Ratepayers, the following Resolution was carried unanimously—

"That a Memorial to the Metropolitan Board be signed by the Chairman, on behalf of "this Meeting, praying the Board to receive a Deputation of the inhabitants of "Acton to submit terms and conditions for their consideration, whereby the "present system of drainage may be continued on a basis mutually advantageous."

And a Deputation was thereupon appointed to attend your Board.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honourable Board will be pleased to grant an interview with the said Deputation, or otherwise to signify to them that you are prepared to treat with the said Parish, through its Local Authority, on the basis referred to herein.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Signed on behalf of the Memorialists.

(Signed) A. NORMAN,
Chairman,
West-end-villa, Avenue-road, Acton, W.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

3. A Deputation from the Committee for promoting free means of communication between the North and South of the Thames, East of London Bridge, introduced by Mr. Richardson, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz., Mr. C. T. Ritchie, M.P., Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. D. K. Forbes, Mr. W. Bangs, Mr. C. Lacey, Mr. J. Lenanton, Mr. S. Trickett, Mr. C. Dunch, Mr. E. P. Sells, Junr., Mr. W. Willey, Mr. F. J. Dellow, Mr. T. F. Harrison, Mr. H. J. Hards, Mr. T. Cook, Mr. R. Hall, Junr., Mr. E. Smith, Mr. H. Cushen, and Mr. J. Porter, accompanied by Mr. T. G. Scott, the Honorary Secretary, and Mr. F. Duckham, Secretary of the Committee, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Thames Communications Improvement Committee.

SHEWETH—

That at a Meeting of the Committee, held at the Baltic Sale-room, in Threadneedle-street on Tuesday, October 16th, 1883, the following Resolutions were unanimously passed—

"That this Meeting, in view of the communication from the Treasury to the "Metropolitan Board of Works, considers it necessary to re-assert its contention "that three permanent means of communication between the North and South of "the Thames, East of London Bridge are demanded in the interest of the trade of "the Port, and of the population of East and South London."

"That, in the opinion of this Meeting, should the Metropolitan Board find itself unable, "in the ensuing Session, to make a proposal to Parliament embodying the three "means of communication, it would be advisable to proceed with a central scheme; "and in the event of three schemes being proposed, they should be submitted in "such a manner as will enable Parliament to authorise such one or more of the "three proposed schemes as seems to it desirable."

"That any application made for power to establish permanent communications should "include a claim for power to provide Steam Ferries, or Floating Bridges, in order "to give temporary, but immediate, relief to the trade of the interested districts."

"That the Resolutions be forwarded to the Lords of the Treasury, and also embodied "in a Memorial and presented by a Deputation to the Metropolitan Board of "Works."

Your Memorialists pray that your Honourable Board will give these matters your immediate attention, and take such steps as may in your wisdom be calculated to afford early relief to the population of East and South London.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting by
(Signed) CHAS. T. RITCHIE,
Chairman.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Selway, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

4. This being the day appointed for receiving Tenders for cleansing the Three cold-water Settling-reservoirs at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station.

The Clerk laid before the Board the several Tenders which he had received, pursuant to the Advertisement.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the several Tenders be now opened.

The Tenders were then opened, as follows—

Mr. Henry Holloway, East Ham, Essex, £165 per annum, for a period of Two years.

Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Grosvenor Wharf, Westminster, £215 per annum, for a period of Two years.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded, and resolved—That the Tender of Mr. Henry Holloway for cleansing the Three cold-water settling-reservoirs at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station, for a period of Two years, for the sum of £165 per annum, be accepted, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to prepare the necessary Contract.

5. Mr. Bradfield handed in a Letter from Mr. W. F. Dewey, Clerk to the Vestry of Islington, dated 17th October, 1883, asking the Board to receive a Deputation from the Vestry, with reference to the recent storm floodings at Holloway.

The Clerk also presented a Letter which he had received from Mr. C. Walker, dated 18th October, 1883, asking the Board to receive a Deputation from the inhabitants of Upper and Lower Holloway, to present a Memorial relative to the recent floodings in those localities.

It was moved by Mr. Bradfield, seconded, and resolved—That the two Deputations referred to be received by the Board on Friday next, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

6. Mr. Shepherd handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of Bermondsey, Surrey.

Town-hall, Spa-road, S.E.,
17th October, 1883.

Fire at Butler's Wharf.

Sir,—At the recent fire on Butler's Wharf great exertions were made by Messrs. Courage and Co. to prevent the spread of the conflagration, and to that intent they brought into use a large quantity of hose which was lying on their premises, and this proved most effectual in limiting the area of the fire. It has been stated, however, that the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, on coming upon the scene of operations, cut some of this hose, although doing at the time good service, in consequence of which, not only was the hose damaged, but a supply of water was cut off, which was not subsequently available for the Engines.

I am also requested to inform you that, on another occasion, similar practices were indulged in by the Officers of the Brigade.

Will you therefore inform me as to the correctness of these assertions, or any portion thereof.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) J. HARRISON,
Clerk and Solicitor.

The Clerk to the
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration and report.

7. Mr. Shepherd handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of Bermondsey, Surrey.

Town-hall, Spa-road, S.E.,
17th October, 1883.

Fire Escape.

Sir,—Your Letter of the 5th October was laid before the Vestry on Monday last. They extremely regret that the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. James's Church should raise a difficulty as to the ground occupied by the Fire Escape in the Churchyard, and I have now to inform you that the Vestry will communicate with the Vicar and Churchwardens with a view to an arrangement being made; but should this prove unsuccessful, the Vestry will gladly find standing-room for the Fire Escape during the day time.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) J. HARRISON,
Clerk and Solicitor.

The Clerk to the
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration.

8. Mr. Shepherd handed in a Letter from Mr. J. Harrison, Clerk to the Bermondsey Vestry, dated 17th October, 1883, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Letter relative to the proposed Improvement in Mill-street, and stating that the Vestry had referred it to their General Purposes Committee, for consideration, and would communicate further with the Board on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

9. Mr. Meaden handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry Offices,
Broadway, Tooting-graveney.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—At a Meeting of the Vestry held in the Vestry-hall on the 2nd instant, it was *unanimously* Resolved—

"To memorialise your Board in relation to the nuisance caused by the gratings or "ventilators communicating with Sewers being placed in the high road and "principal thoroughfares.

"It has been felt by many that this system of ventilating the Sewers is highly "objectionable, and has in many cases lost several tenants of houses in the "neighbourhood, as the stench is more perceptible than in the more crowded "parts of the Metropolis. That several persons have had shafts from the Sewers "carried up by the side of their houses, at their own expense, which has answered "in their own immediate neighbourhood, but to be successful it should be general, "and having been given to understand that the District Boards have no power "to compel owners, or to charge the District, for such shafts, we ask your "Honourable Board to obtain Parliamentary powers to carry out some more "efficient mode of ventilating the Sewers than by the open gratings, either by

"shafts placed by houses, carried above the chimneys, or any other plan which "may prove efficient."

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

(Signed) WILLIAM P. MELLHUISH,
Chairman, on behalf of the
Vestry of Tooting-graveney.

9th October, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Meaden, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration and report.

10. Mr. Tolhurst handed in a Letter, as follows—

The Board of Works for the St. Olave District.

86, Queen Elizabeth-street, St. John, Southwark, S.E.,
18th October, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—I am desired by this Board to enclose you copies of Letters from Mr. Henry Lafone, of Butler's Wharf, respectively addressed to the Editor of, and inserted in, the *Daily News*, and to myself as Clerk of this Board, and dated respectively the 11th and 15th instant, on the subject of the recent fire at Butler's Wharf.

I am further desired to ask that the subject of Mr. Lafone's Letters may be referred for the consideration of your Fire Brigade Committee.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) EDRIC BAYLEY.
Clerk.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works.

The copy Letters referred to, alleging that the land Fire Engines at present in use were not sufficiently powerful for putting out fires in high buildings; stating that delay had occurred in the arrival of the Engines, and that the hose in use by Messrs. Courage and Co., at the fire had been cut by the Brigade, were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which they relate.

11. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 15th October, 1883.

Under the authority conferred upon them, your Committee have drawn the following Cheques—

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Streets (*Act of* 1872).			
Lee, Bolton and Lee—(2185 to 2187)—			
Steward's Fees for enrolling Conveyances—			
4815 *Re* Wall (Harrow-road)		7 10 –	
,, Langham and others (Harrow-road) ...		7 10 –	
,, Sims' Executors (Harrow-road)		7 10 –	
			22 10 –
Streets (*Act of* 1877).			
Re Weatherhead (Kentish-town-road)—(2188)—			
Lee, Bolton and Lee—			
6468 Steward's Fee for enrolling Conveyance ...		7 10 –	
Re Smart (Gray's-inn-road)—(2189)—			
Toogood, T.—			
6469 Costs of Petition for interim investment ...		26 9 1	
Carried forward		£33 19 1	22 10 –

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	33 19 1	22 10 -
Re Myers (Piccadilly)—(2190)—		
Myers, G.—		
6470 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 10, Great Windmill-street, including business compensation	1,100 - -	
Baines, C., and Co.—		
6471 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	22 1 -	
Walker, W.—		
6472 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	5 5 -	
Re Schell's Executors (Kentish-town-road)—(2191)—		
Smith, H. S.—		
6473 Costs of Title and Assignment	28 6 11	
Re Smith's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2192)—		
Beck, R.C.A.—		
6474 Costs of Title and Conveyance	21 - -	
Re Bates (Piccadilly)—(2193)—		
Seymour, E.—		
6475 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	6 14 6	
Re Stevens (Piccadilly)—(2194)—		
Stevens, Mrs. J.—		
6476 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 32, King-street, Soho	200 - -	
Hoye, C.—		
6477 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	7 7 -	
Re Rutishauser and Nagel (Piccadilly)—(2195)—		
Rutishauser and Nagel—		
6478 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 1, Thorney-street, including Trade compensation	1,872 - -	
Baines, C., and Co.—		
6479 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	30 9 -	
Re Curonico (Piccadilly)—(2196)—		
Curonico, A.—		
6480 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 45, Rupert-street, including Trade compensation	300 - -	
Fuller and Fuller—		
6481 Surveyors' Fees, as per contract	9 9 -	
Re Hamilton (Piccadilly)—(2197)—		
Hamilton, E.—		
6482 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 2, Thorney-street, including Trade compensation	770 - -	
Brinsley, G—		
6483 Surveyor's Fee, as per contract	16 16 -	
Carried forward	£4,423 7 6	22 10 -

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	4,423 7 6	22 10 –
Re Cautherley (Piccadilly)—(2198)—		
Phillips, J. and J.—		
6484 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	30 – –	
		4,453 7 6
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Hall—(2199)—		
Downie, A.F.M.—		
29 Costs of Title and Conveyance		11 18 6
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).		
Re Miller (Putney)—(2200)—		
Miller, E.—		
513 Purchase money for Leasehold interest in No. 6, High-street, Putney ... £685 – –		
514 Trade Compensation ... ... 815 – –		
	1,500 – –	
Lewis, F., and Co.		
515 Surveyors' Fee, as per contract	27 6 –	
Re Robinson (Putney)—(2201)—		
Robinson, J.—		
516 Compensation for camp-sheathing at Putney ...	20 – –	
		1,547 6 –
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Burnell (Goulston-street)—(2202)—		
Devonshire, T. H.—		
4983 Costs of Title and Conveyance	23 11 4	
Re Walls (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2203)—		
Costs of Title and Conveyance, and of costs of Petition for payment out of Court—		
4984 Finch, G. H.— ... ... £52 10 –		
4985 Smith, F. R., and Son ... 12 2 8		
	64 12 8	
Re Gould (Whitecross-street)—(2204)—		
De Jersey, Micklem and Son—		
4986 Costs of Arbitration...	10 5 –	
		98 9 –
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Spencer (Piccadilly)—(2205)—		
Veal, R. H.—		
948 Proportion of Insurance premiums and of Local Rates, as agreed	7 14 10	
Re Dallett's Trustees (Putney)—(2206)—		
Hare and Co.—		
949 Rent of No. 7, Windsor-terrace, Clyde-house, Windsor-street, and Windsor-cottage, Lower Richmond-road, Putney, one year to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)	112 4 11	
		119 19 9
Carried forward		£6,253 10 9

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward		6,253 10 9
	Sundry Accounts.		
Vigers and Co.—(2207)—			
1281	Surveyors' Fees, and as Witness—		
	Streets (*Act of* 1877)—		
	Re Arundel and others (Piccadilly)— ...	105 - -	
	Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882)—		
	Re Hall	8 8 -	
			113 8 -
			£6,366 18 9

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques, as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand longer than Three months—

Streets (*Act of* 1877).

Re Harrigan (Gray's-inn-road)—(509)—			
6485	Harrigan, W.—Purchase-money	£200 - -	
6486	Isaacs and Florence—Surveyors' Fee	7 7 -	
			£207 7 -

Your Committee have considered the question of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. F. S. Ellen, a First-class Assistant in your Solicitor's Department; the matter having been referred to them on the 28th ultimo (No. 33), and they recommend—

> That the vacancy be filled by the appointment of another First-class Assistant at a commencing salary of £200 a year; that Advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment, and that the applications when received do stand referred to the Committee, with instructions to select and submit to the Board a few of the Candidates who may be considered most suitable.

Your Committee have considered your Clerk's Report, referred to them on the 5th instant (No. 32), on the additional assistance required in his Department consequent on the transfer of the work under the Petroleum Acts, and on the death of Mr. A. H. Roberts, one of the temporary Assistants. It appears to your Committee, in view of what is required, that the best arrangement would be to appoint two Fourth-class Clerks; and they accordingly recommend—

> That two Fourth-class Clerks be appointed, at a commencing salary of £80 a year; that Advertisements be issued inviting applications for the Clerkships, and that the applications when received do stand referred to the Committee, with instructions to ascertain and report which of the Candidates a competitive examination may show to be the most fit for the appointments.

Your Committee have considered your Superintending Architect's Report, referred to them on the 23rd February last (No. 81), relative to the necessity for further assistance in the Improvements, &c., Branch of his Department. Your Superintending Architect has made a further Report, in which he states that he requires three additional Assistants; one, an experienced person to supervise and report upon the erection of buildings upon the Board's lands, and other matters of a similar character, and the other two to assist in the office work as Clerks. Your Committee, having considered your Superintending Architect's requirements, recommend—

> That an additional Second-class Assistant be appointed, at a commencing salary of £150 a year; that Advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment, and that the applications when received do stand referred to the Committee, with instructions to select and submit to the Board a few of the Candidates who may be considered the most suitable.

That two Fourth-class Clerks be appointed at a commencing salary of £80 a year; that Advertisements be issued inviting applications for the Clerkships, and that the applications when received do stand referred to the Committee, with instructions to ascertain and report which of the Candidates a competitive examination may show to be the most fit for the appointments.

Your Committee have considered the question of the appointment of a person to collect the Board's Weekly Rents in the place of Mr. Monksfield, deceased, and the Letters from Mr. Maddox, of your Superintending Architect's Department, and from Messrs. J. Wood and J. Harris, the present temporary Collectors, asking for the appointment: the matter having been referred to your Committee on the 28th ultimo (Nos. 11 and 89) and the 5th instant (No. 45). Your Accountant is of opinion that the arrangement for the collection of these Rents, which was in force in the time of Mr. Monksfield, was not quite satisfactory, and has suggested that in future the collection of all Weekly Rents should, as a matter of financial regularity, be under his control. He has also suggested that it would be more convenient, for various reasons, that two Collectors should be employed instead of one. Your Committee agree with your Accountant in this matter, but they think that, instead of making a permanent arrangement now, it would be well to try for a short period, say until the 25th March next, the new method which your Accountant suggests. They accordingly recommend—

That the Accountant be authorised to continue, until the 25th March next, the employment of Mr. J. Wood and Mr. J. Harris, as joint Collectors of the Board's Weekly Rents, in the place of Mr. Monksfield, deceased, upon their providing proper security; and that the Accountant do report at the first meeting of the Committee after the 25th March how the arrangement has worked, and whether it is desirable for the Board to continue it.

That the Commission to be allowed to Mr. J. Wood and Mr. J. Harris, be at the rate of £5 per cent. upon all rents other than those derivable from Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings, and that upon the latter a Commission of £7 10s. per cent. be allowed.

That the Superintending Architect be instructed to communicate daily to the Accountant information of any new rents to be collected.

Your Committee have had under consideration the question of future arrangements for preventing the air gratings of Sewers sinking below the surface of the roads and so entailing the possibility of accidents to horses &c. It appears to your Committee that your Engineer should be held responsible for seeing that the air gratings of the Sewers are not allowed to sink below the surface of the roads, or to get into such a condition as to be dangerous to traffic; and that he should make such arrangements as will lead to immediate attention being called to any defects, with a view to their being remedied. They recommend accordingly.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Board, on the 12th instant (No. 3), your Committee have enquired into the circumstances under which a certain memorandum was erroneously published in the London newspapers as the draft of a Letter from the Board to the Treasury, in reply to the Letter from that Department, dated 30th August last, on the subject of the Board's proposal for a continuance of the Coal and Wine Duties. Your Committee have now to report that, having heard an explanation from the Member for Whitechapel, they received such explanation, and they now beg to recommend the Board to discharge the reference.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 28th ultimo (No. 70), from the St. George Telephone Company (Limited), applying for permission to lay their wires in the Board's Subways in Queen Victoria-street, and the Victoria Embankment to Westminster. Your Committee learn from your Engineer that there is sufficient room in the Subways for the wires to be laid, and they recommend—

That the requisite permission be granted to the Company to lay the wires, to such extent, and in such manner, as the proper Officers of the Board may direct; that the work be done, and any damage caused to the Subways in its execution be made good to the satisfaction of those Officers, and at the cost of the Company; and that, as in the cases of the Gas, Water, Telegraph, &c., Companies having their mains and wires in the Board's Subways, no charge be

made for the accommodation ; that the Company shall, under the control of the Board, have access to the Subways for the arrangement or alteration of their wires, and shall, if the Board deem fit, pay, like the Gas Companies, a proportion of the wages of the Inspector of Subways.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 10th August last (No. 5), from the Greenwich District Board, suggesting that when this Board's new Storm-water Overflow Sewer in Church-street, Deptford, is finished, they should pave the part of the road-way under which the Sewer runs with granite, so as to improve the street and protect the Sewer. Your Committee learn from your Engineer that about two-thirds, or rather more, of the length of Sewer have been completed, and the work suggested by the District Board could not be done as part of the Contract. Moreover, it would involve considerable additional expense, and, under all the circumstances, your Committee recommend—

That the District Board be informed that the Board cannot accede to their suggestion.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 6th July last (No. 53), from the St. Olave District Board, stating that an opportunity is offered of extending the widening of Bermondsey-street, by setting back Nos. 13, 14, and 15, to the new frontage line, as shown on the Plan accompanying the Letter, at an estimated cost of £90, and asking the Board to contribute one moiety of the cost. The Board, during the last year, widened Bermondsey-street in connection with the general Tooley-street Improvement, and the widening now proposed will regulate the line of frontage. Your Superintending Architect reports that about 170 superficial feet of land would be added to the public way, and he is of opinion that the Improvement is desirable, and that the cost is fair. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and they recommend—

That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement ; such contribution not to exceed the sum of £45, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee submit for the information of the Board a list of claims settled in respect of properties taken under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act, 1877, the Metropolitan Bridges Act, 1881, and the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Act, 1882, from the 1st July to the 30th September, 1883, inclusive.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) W. R. SELWAY,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FRED$^{K.}$ INGOLDBY,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W$^{M.}$ SHEPHERD,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
DONALD MUNRO,
W. H. DALTON,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
GEO. EDWARDS,
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GEORGE HILL.

LIST OF CLAIMS SETTLED IN RESPECT OF PROPERTIES TAKEN UNDER THE METROPOLIS MANAGEMENT ACT, 1855, THE METROPOLITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS ACT, 1877, THE METROPOLITAN BRIDGES ACT, 1881, AND THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (VARIOUS POWERS) ACT, 1882, FROM THE 1ST JULY TO THE 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1883 (INCLUSIVE), SUBMITTED WITH THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

No. on Plan.	Name of Claimant.	Locality.	Nature of claim.	Amount claimed.	Amount agreed on.	By whom settled.
		Piccadilly-circus to New Oxford-street Improvement.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
190, 196	O'Connell and others	No. 9, Great White Lion-street, and No. 61, Dudley-street...	Leasehold	100 0 0	75 0 0	Architect.
95	S. O. Beeton	No. 42, Rupert-street	Leasehold & Business	1,253 0 0	1,000 0 0	Do.
23 to 28 (inclusive)	H. C. Sturmy	Nos. 38 to 43 (inclusive), Bloomsbury-street	Leasehold	7,150 0 0	6,250 0 0	Do.
127, 128	Bigg's Trustees ...	Nos. 21 and 22, Broad-street ...	Freehold	6,105 0 0	3,500 0 0	Do. Jury Notice served.
96, 97	E. Cook...	Nos. 43 and 44, Rupert-street, with cottage at the rear ...	Leasehold & Business	695 0 0	400 0 0	Do.
191	T. W. Woodhouse ...	No. 66, Dudley-street	Leasehold	467 10 0	160 0 0	Do.
210	E. Watkins	No. 47, Dudley-street	Leasehold & Business	1,510 0 0	950 0 0	Do.
260	Mrs. J. Stevens ...	No. 32, King-street	Leasehold	325 0 0	200 0 0	Architect.
8	V. Yardley	No. 3, Thorney-street	Leasehold & Business	1,640 0 0	800 0 0	Do. Jury notice served.
4	J. Bates	No. 6, Thorney-street	Yearly Tenancy and Business	260 0 0	200 0 0	Architect
5	G. Osborne	No. 5, Thorney-street	Yearly Tenancy	50 0 0	50 0 0	Do.
5	W. Neville	Part of No. 5, Thorney-street	Weekly Tenancy and Business.	80 0 0	35 0 0	Do.
10	Rutishauser and Nagel	No. 1, Thorney-street	Leasehold & Business	2,897 0 0	1,872 0 0	Do.
195	R. Hewitt	"Spencer Arms" Public-house, No. 62, Dudley-street ...	Do.	2,350 0 0	1,200 0 0	Do Jury Notice served.
10, 9, 8, 5, 4, 7, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11	Duke of Bedford, K.G.	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, Thorney-street, No. 7, Vine-street, and Nos. 7 to 14 (inclusive), Bloomsbury-street	Freehold	28,000 0 0	21,000 0 0	Architect. Jury Notice served.
149, 165 and 225B	Tylden and Bellamy ...	No. 15, Litchfield-street, No. 1, King-street and stable, loft and premises in Horse and Dolphin-yard...	Do.	8,000 0 0	3,000 0 0	Architect
226, 227	W. S. Fortey	Nos. 2 and 3, Monmouth-court	Leasehold & Business	3,157 0 0	2,000 0 0	Do.
17	T. Idle	No. 8, Bloomsbury-street ...	Do	1,407 0 0	800 0 0	Do.
127 and 131	E. W. Belchier ...	No. 22, Broad-street	Leasehold	750 0 0	500 0 0	Do.
175 to 181	Peter Murray	Nos. 5 and 6, Great White Lion-street, and Nos. 1 to 5, Great White Lion-court ...	Do.	2,200 0 0	1,000 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served.
11	J. E. Hutchins ...	No. 14, Bloomsbury-street ...	Do.	2,500 0 0	1,550 0 0	Do.
70, 71, 72, 77, 78, 80, 80A, 81, 82, 83, 84A, 85, 86, 87, 88 and 89	Hon. R. A. Arundel and Revd. R. J. Jones...	Houses, coachhouse, stables and premises in Catherine Wheel-yard, and Nos. 14 and 15, Great Windmill-street	Freehold (one moiety)	18,000 0 0	14,641 0 0	Award of Sir H. A. Hunt.
Do.	Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. ...	Do.	Do.	18,000 0 0	14,641 0 0	Do.
180	Edwin Cato	No. 3, Church-street, Soho ...	Leasehold & Business	1,116 0 0	570 0 0	Solicitor. Jury notice served.
162	Hannah Rogers ...	No. 76, Dudley-street	Leasehold	506 0 0	250 0 0	Do.
216	Fredk. Collins... ...	No. 7, Little Earl-street ...	Leasehold & Business	3,350 0 0	1,300 0 0	Do.
225B and 246	Elizth. Pointing ...	Stables and premises in "Horse and Dolphin" yard... ...	Leasehold and Yearly Tenancy	894 0 0	680 0 0	Do.
191	George Hiscock ...	No. 66, Dudley-street	Leasehold & Business	1,254 6 9	600 0 0	Do.
27	John Rutter	No. 42, Bloomsbury-street ...	Do.	7,435 0 0	2,225 0 0	Do.
9	Edwd. Hamilton ...	No. 2, Thorney-street	Do.	1,509 17 3	770 0 0	Do.
		Tooley-street (Bermondsey-street to Dean-street) Improvement.				
14	Dickinson and Curtis	The "King's Head" Public-house, No. 178, Tooley-street	Freehold	2,195 17 0	1,700 0 0	Architect Jury Notice served.
28	Arkell and Cockell ...	No. 190, Tooley-street	Leasehold & Business	7,440 0 0	3,250 0 0	Solicitor. Jury Notice served.
27	Henry Hall	No. 188, Tooley-street	Do.	1,500 0 0	750 0 0	Award of Mr. George Pownall.
		Gray's-inn-road Improvement.				
201	Pearson and another...	No. 3, Tyndall-buildings ...	Freehold	450 0 0	350 0 0	Architect.
		Charing-cross to Tottenham-court-road Improvement.				
130 and 147	J. O. Smith	Nos. 9 and 10, Grafton-street, and No. 19, Litchfield-street	Freehold	3,097 0 0	3,000 0 0	Architect.

No. on Plan.	Name of Claimant.	Locality.	Nature of claim.	Amount claimed	Amount agreed on.	By whom settled.
		New Putney Bridge Improvement.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
112	H. F. Blair	Part of ornamental garden ground...	Yearly Tenancy	35 0 0	25 0 0	Architect.
112	W. Shillito	Part of ornamental garden ground...	Do.	35 0 0	25 0 0	Do.
112	C. Hughes	Part of ornamental garden ground...	Do.	40 0 0	25 0 0	Do.
112	J. Dacie...	Part of ornamental garden ground...	Do.	35 0 0	25 0 0	Do.
		Supplemental Main Drainage (Wandle Branch Sewer).				
	Mr. Kidner	Streatham...	Compensation for easement of pipe Sewer from Eardley-road, with damage to land and crops, and incidental expenses	100 0 0	100 0 0	Architect.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the vacancy in the Solicitor's Department, caused by the resignation of Mr. F. S. Ellen, a First-class Assistant, be filled by the appointment of a First-class Assistant at a commencing salary of £200 a year; that Advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment, and that the applications, when received, do stand referred to the Committee, with instructions to select and submit to the Board a few of the candidates who may be considered most suitable.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That two Fourth-class Clerks be appointed in the Clerk's Department, at a commencing salary of £80 a year, consequent on the transfer to that Department of the work under the Petroleum Acts and on the death of Mr. A. H. Roberts, one of the Assistants; that Advertisements be issued inviting applications for the Clerkships, and that the applications, when received, do stand referred to the Committee, with instructions to ascertain and report which of the candidates a competitive examination may show to be the most fit for the appointments.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That an additional Second-class Assistant be appointed in the Superintending Architect's Department, in connection with the work of the Improvements, Compensations, and Estates branch, at a commencing salary of £150 a year; that Advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment, and that the applications, when received, do stand referred to the Committee, with instructions to select and submit to the Board a few of the candidates who may be considered most suitable.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That two Fourth-class Clerks be appointed in the Superintending Architect's Department, at a commencing salary of £80 a year, in connection with the work of the Improvements, Compensations, and Estates branch; that Advertisements be issued inviting applications for the Clerkships, and that the applications, when received, do stand referred to the Committee, with instructions to ascertain and report which of the candidates a competitive examination may show to be the most fit for the appointments.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Accountant be authorised to continue, until the 25th March next, the employment of Mr. J. Wood and Mr. J. Harris as joint Collectors of the Board's Weekly Rents, in the place of Mr. Monksfield, deceased, upon their providing proper security; and that the Accountant do report at the first Meeting of the Committee after the 25th March how the arrangement has worked, and whether it is desirable for the Board to continue it.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Commission to be allowed to Mr. J. Wood and Mr. J. Harris be at the rate of £5 per cent. upon all Rents

other than those derivable from Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings, and that upon the latter a Commission of £7 10s. per cent. be allowed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Superintending Architect be instructed to communicate daily to the Accountant information of any new Rents to be collected.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Engineer be held responsible for seeing that the air gratings of the Sewers belonging to the Board are not allowed to sink below the surface of the roads, or to get into such a condition as to be dangerous to traffic; and that he do make such arrangements as will lead to immediate attention being called to any defects, with a view to their being remedied.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the reference made to the Committee, to enquire into the circumstances under which a certain Memorandum was erroneously published in the newspapers as the draft of a Letter from the Board to the Treasury on the subject of the proposed extension of the Coal and Wine Duties, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the St. George Telephone Company (Limited), be permitted to lay wires in the Board's Subways in Queen Victoria-street and the Victoria Embankment to Westminster, to such extent, and in such manner as the proper Officers of the Board may direct, on condition that the works be done, and that any damage caused to the Subways in their execution be made good, to the satisfaction of those Officers, and at the sole cost of the Company; that no charge be made to the Company for the accommodation; and that they be allowed, under the control of the Board, to have access to the Subways for the arrangement or alteration of their wires, and do, if the Board deem fit, pay a proportion of the wages of the Inspector of Subways.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Greenwich District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter, suggesting that when the new sewer in Church-street, Deptford, is finished, this Board should pave with granite the part of the road-way under which the Sewer runs, that the Board cannot accede to their suggestion.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of widening Bermondsey-street, by setting back the premises Nos. 13, 14 and 15, by the St. Olave District Board, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £45, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

12. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 16th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to call attention to the fact that at present there is no Order of the Board specifying the quantity of clothing to be allowed to the Officers and men of the Fire Brigade. In the time of the late London Fire Brigade Establishment, which was maintained by the Fire Insurance Companies, and was the nucleus of the larger organisation formed by the Board, it appears, from the printed Regulations which were communicated to the Board, that the allowance of clothing was as follows—

One short frock-coat or tunic One black neckcloth Two pairs cloth trowsers One cloth cap.	every year.
One great coat in three years.	
Four pairs of boots in three years.	

Various additions have been made in a more or less informal way since the present Fire Brigade has been established, and it appears to your Committee desirable that the Board should now make an Order specifying the quantity to be allowed in future. They have carefully considered what would be a proper allowance to make, and are of opinion that the following would be an ample allowance—

Chief and Second Officers—

One tunic.
One undress jacket.
Two pairs of cloth trowsers.
Two caps.
} every year.
Three pairs of boots in two years.
One overcoat in three years.

Superintendents and Engineers—

One tunic.
One undress jacket.
Two pairs of cloth trowsers.
Two caps.
One neckcloth.
} every year.
Three pairs of boots in two years.
One overcoat in three years.

Firemen and Coachmen—

One tunic.
Two pairs of cloth trowsers.
One duck jacket.
One pair of duck trowsers.
Two caps.
One neckcloth.
} every year.
Three pairs of boots in two years.
One overcoat in three years.

Watermen—

One tunic.
Two pairs of cloth trowsers.
One serge jacket.
One vest.
One cap.
One neckcloth.
} every year.
Three pairs of boots in two years.
One overcoat in three years.

Your Committee find that the Superintendents and Engineers have been accustomed to be allowed annually a silk hat and one cap, instead of two caps. A silk hat is not in any sense part of a Fire Brigade Officer's uniform, and it does not seem reasonable that the Board should provide articles which form part of the private attire. As, however, the Officer's have had these hats for many years, your Committee propose that the present Superintendents and Engineers should continue to have them, and that the hat should be instead of one of the two caps to be allowed in future. Men who become Officers after this date will not be provided with silk hats, but will have, annually, two uniform caps.

In addition to the clothing supplied to each man it has lately been customary to obtain a number of serge jackets (about 50) for the use of men employed in the workshops and on board the Floats, the rough work which they have to do necessitating, it is said, something more than the duck jackets allowed to the men

generally. These jackets are issued to the men whilst employed in the special work referred to, and are returned into store when they cease to be so employed. Your Committee propose that these serge jackets should be continued; but they are of opinion that there is no need for extra pairs of trowsers for the men employed as above-mentioned, nor is there any need of serge jackets for the Officers. Your Committee recommend the Board to approve what is here proposed, and to make an Order accordingly.

Your Committee have to report that First-class Fireman James T. Sander, Third-class Fireman Thomas Henwood, and Fourth-class Firemen George W. Buttrey and Charles J. Harrison have withdrawn from the service, and that their names have accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Two Fourth-class Firemen, Samuel Marshall and Richard Mouat, have been reported for drunkenness, use of abusive language, and striking their Officers or seniors in the Brigade. Your Committee recommend—

That these men be dismissed.

Your Committee have also to recommend that the following promotions be made' viz.—Second-class Fireman William Shipway to the First Class; Third-class Fireman Walter Mitchley to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Firemen Frederick C. Walter, William O. Etherden, and Nicholas G. Sparks to the Third Class.

Your Committee have further to recommend that Henry W. Garrett and George Yealland be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen to fill vacancies.

Your Committee have further to report, for the information of the Board, that the Telegraphic instruments at several Stations, by which communication was held with the Head Quarters or the Chief Stations of districts, have been superseded by Telephones, and in some cases double lines of wire have had to be laid. There are ten lines of communication in which this alteration has been made, and the total annual payment for these ten lines will be increased from £293 to £331 15s.

Your Committee have given instructions for an additional fire-alarm point to be established at the West Hampstead Police-station, in connection with the Saint John's-wood circuit. The establishment of this additional fire-alarm will entail an increased annual payment of £15 15s. a year.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. R. SELWAY,
WM. ROBSON,
GEORGE HILL,
GEO. EDWARDS.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Clothing and Boots allowed to the Fire Brigade, be approved and acted upon, and that the quantities stated in the Report of the Committee be allowed to the various ranks of Officers and men.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Fourth-class Firemen Samuel Marshall and Richard Mouat be dismissed for misconduct.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the following promotions be made, viz.:—Second-class Fireman William Shipway to the First Class, Third-class Fireman Walter Mitchley to the Second Class, and Fourth-class Firemen Frederick C. Walter, William O. Etherden, and Nicholas G. Sparks to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Henry W. Garrett and

George Yealland be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

13. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 16th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the reference by the Board of the 10th August last (No. 97), considered the application of Mr. J. O. Cook, on behalf of Mr. S. Barnes, for approval by the Board of amended Plans of certain proposed additions and alterations at the Theatre Royal, in Beresford-street, Woolwich. The Board, on the 13th July last (No. 16), in accordance with the recommendation of your Committee, declined to approve the Drawings then submitted by the applicant, who now states that the Board's Regulations have been complied with, so far as they are applicable to the present case. The total number of persons proposed to be seated in the building is slightly reduced, being now 361, but many of the objectionable features mentioned in the previous Report of your Committee are retained. The only exits provided are on the North side of the Theatre. The average height of the auditorium is only 22 feet, and the height from the floor of the pit to the underside of the gallery front, 9 feet. The steps of the staircase to the gallery are not supported at both ends upon brick walls. The dressing-rooms and band-room are placed under the stage, with insufficient means of escape for the performers, and are only 7 feet high. Your Committee consider the building unsuitable for the purposes of a Theatre, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee reported to the Board on the 10th August last (No. 12), that Sir H. A. Hunt had fixed the 9th day of that month for hearing the Appeal of the Owner of the Canterbury Music-hall or Theatre of Varieties, in Westminser-bridge-road, against the requirements of the Board in relation to that building. The Award of the Arbitrator was published during the Recess, and by it fifteen of the Board's eighteen Requisitions are confirmed, with trifling modifications. The first Requisition relative to the proscenium wall, is confirmed, but one of the openings is not required to have an iron door. The second Requisition is not confirmed, but a new exit is to be provided from the first tier to the gallery staircase. The third Requisition is confirmed, but the new staircase is to be constructed at the South-East angle of the Hall, as suggested by the Architect to the Owners. The Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Requisitions which relate to the removal of the turnstiles and fixed barriers at the entrances, and the formation of gangways on the gallery and first-tier level, are confirmed. The Eighth Requisition, requiring that the principal staircase and landing should be enclosed with brickwork, is not confirmed, but the Southernmost door-way between the Hall and the landing of the principal staircase is to be bricked up, and the balustrade of the landing strengthened. The Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Requisitions provide for the alteration of certain doors on the East side of the Hall, the protection from fire of the gas-man's room, and the wooden enclosure on the East side of the promenade, and the separation of the Public-house in Upper Marsh-street from the Hall premises, and these are confirmed. The Thirteenth Requisition, which relates to the separation of the house, No. 143, Westminster-bridge-road, from the Hall premises by a fire-resisting floor, is not confirmed. The Fourteenth to the Eighteenth Requisitions, inclusive, which have reference to the separation of certain cellars from the Hall by fire-resisting materials, the removal of the dressing rooms under the stage, the fixing of hand-rails, the protection of skylights, and the making of all doors to open outwards are confirmed, by the Award.

Your Committee have also to report that the application of Mr. C. J. Phipps, on behalf of Mr. C. Hengler, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the temporary

conversion into a Circus of the Floral-hall, Covent-garden, adjoining the Royal Italian Opera House, referred by the Board on the 13th July last (No. 80), has been withdrawn, and they recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

The Board, on the 27th July last (No. 49), had before them a Letter from Sir H. A. Hunt, stating that he had appointed the 3rd August last for the hearing of the Appeal of the Owners of Gatti's Music-hall, in the Westminster-bridge-road, against the requirements of the Board. The Award of the Arbitrator was published during the Recess, and by it four of the Board's seven Requisitions are confirmed. As regards the West staircase, which is referred to in the first Requisition, the Arbitrator directs that the iron column on the ground-floor, supporting one end of the iron bearer carrying the landing, shall be encased in concrete or other fire-resisting material, and that iron bars shall be fixed across the well-hole of the staircase. No order is made with respect to the other staircase. The floor of the shop next Westminster-bridge-road, referred to in the Second Requisition, is directed to be pugged with concrete six inches in thickness, but the wall in the basement, which was required to separate the Hall premises from the shop premises, is not ordered to be built. The Third Requisition, providing for the formation of certain passage-ways and gangways, is confirmed. With regard to the Fourth Requisition, the gangways on the gallery floor, distinguished by a red tint upon the Plan annexed to the Award, are to be pugged with concrete six inches in thickness. The Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Requisitions, which require certain windows and window openings to be protected with iron hoppers, and certain exits and door-ways to be formed leading into Addington-street, are confirmed by the Award.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. E. Clark, stating that the works required to be executed at the South London Palace of Amusement had been completed, and requesting the Board to grant the usual Certificate for the use of the Music-hall, referred by the Board on the 11th May last (No. 55). The Board's requirements in respect of the building were eight in number, and the decision of the Arbitrator upon each requirement was reported to the Board on the 12th January last (No. 15). From the survey of the building made by your Superintending Architect in May last, upon the receipt of Mr. Clark's Letter, it appeared that a space had been left between the underside of the iron girders over the proscenium opening and the top of the ornamental frame round the proscenium. Your Committee pointed out the necessity for filling up this space with brickwork, and subsequently approved of a Drawing submitted by Mr. Clark, who is the Surveyor to the Owners, showing the manner in which he proposed to execute the work. Your Committee have now received a further Report from your Superintending Architect, stating that the additional brickwork to the proscenium wall has been carried out in accordance with the approved Drawing, and that the whole of the structural alterations required to be executed by the Award of the Arbitrator have been completed. It is desirable that the licensing authority should be apprised of the completion of the works, and your Committee recommend—

That the Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have had under consideration the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. H. Hart, for approval by the Board of the Drawings of proposed alterations to the "Star" Music-hall, in Abbey-street, Bermondsey, referred by the Board on the 3rd August last (No. 109). The Hall, which is about 74 feet long by 40 feet wide, is attached to a Public-house. It is proposed to lengthen the Hall at both ends, to increase its height by 7 feet, and to construct a new gallery. The total number of persons which the Hall will hold when enlarged is stated to be 1,150. In the opinion of your Committee, the Hall should be entirely separated from the Public-house, and the arrangement of its entrances and exits improved. A fire-resisting floor should be formed over the cellar at the North-West angle of the Hall,

and no dressing-rooms should be placed under the stage. Having regard to these and other defects, your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. Dickeson, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, in respect of the proposed conversion of a Swimming-bath in Speke-road, Battersea, into a Dancing-hall and Concert-room, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 90). The building is of an irregular shape, its greatest dimensions being about 140 feet long by 40 feet wide. It consists of a Hall and gallery, with dwelling-rooms attached, and the total number of persons accommodated is stated to be 770. Your Superintending Architect has informed your Committee that the Drawings submitted are carelessly prepared, and do not show the construction of the building with sufficient clearness to enable him to form an opinion as to the stability of its various portions. It is evident, however, that the arrangement of the staircase and the construction of the gallery are very defective, and that the dwelling-house is not properly separated from the Hall premises. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the application be not granted.

The Board, on the 5th May, 1882 (No. 80), referred to your Committee the application of the Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen of the united parishes of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of the new public Hall at the rear of the new Westminster Town-hall in Caxton-street. The Hall for which the Certificate is required is to be used for public meetings of the ratepayers, and occasionally for public dancing and music. It will accommodate 730 people, and all the doors open outwards. The building has been completed, and Drawings of it, as carried out, have recently been deposited at the Office of the Board, in accordance with the request of your Committee. Your Superintending Architect has surveyed the building, and is of opinion that there is no reason for withholding the Board's Certificate. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the application be granted, and that the Certificate be sealed and be issued to the applicants.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letter from the Hon. S. Ponsonby-Fane, Lord Chamberlain's Office, transmitting, for the information of the Board, a Letter received from Monsieur Gustave Bernheim, relative to his invention of a chemical preparation to render the dresses, scenery, decorations, and woodwork used in Theatres fire-resisting, referred by the Board on the 16th March last (No. 41). In accordance with the instructions of your Committee, the Board's Chemical Assistant communicated with the inventor, and requested him to forward for examination specimens of linen and other materials prepared by his process. These have been received and subjected to numerous experiments by the Chemical Assistant, and the results have been reported to your Committee, who recommend—

That a copy of the Report of the Chemical Assistant be sent to the Lord Chamberlain, and that his Lordship be informed that, as the Board's powers with respect to Theatres are limited to the remedy of structural defects, they have no power to enforce the use of any process such as that suggested.

Your Committee beg to submit herewith five Reports which they have received from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates' Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the works ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

No. 126, Whitecross-street, St. Luke.
„ 10, Type-street ditto
11, ditto ditto
, 25, Upper Montague-street, Marylebone.
„ 18, Red Lion-street, Wapping

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter from the Westminster District Board, transmitting copy of a communication from Mr. Bartley, complaining that wooden structures erected in Victoria-street are dangerous, and requesting the Board to take such steps with respect thereto as they may deem advisable, referred by the Board on the 28th ultimo (No. 78). The District Surveyor reported upon the hoardings, to the condition of which the District Board called attention, and proceedings were taken with a view to their being strengthened, a work which is now being carried out. Your Solicitor is of opinion that no further action should be taken by this Board until the result of the strengthening shall have been ascertained, but your Committee have in the meantime instructed him to give such legal assistance as the District Surveyor may require in the matter with a view to the reduction of the height of the hoarding. They ask the sanction of the Board to the course taken, and recommend—

That the substance of the Solicitor's Report be communicated to the District Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. J. F. Haskins, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building in Berkeley-grove, Berkeley-road, Regent's-park-road, St. Pancras, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 81). The proposed building will be 25 feet by 15 feet, and about 8 feet high to the eaves; it will be constructed of wood framing, set upon a brick foundation, and covered with corrugated iron. Your Superintending Architect considers that the construction is satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted for One year, from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

The Board on Friday last (No. 67) referred to your Committee the application of Mr. G. Blyton, on behalf of Dr. T. B. Gildersleeves, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of Marsh-hill, Hackney. The proposed roads are to be 40 feet in width, and will lead out of the North side of Marsh-hill, being connected at their ends by another road. The roads, as shown on the present Plan, do not afford direct communication between two streets, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. W. Cole, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of an extension of Carson-road into Park-road, East Dulwich, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 70). It appears from the Report of your Superintending Architect, that the applicant has not control over the whole of the land through which the proposed road is to be made. Your Committee think the Plan objectionable, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. S. J. Jarrard, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Brockley-lane, Lewisham, and for the conversion of the footpath leading from Brockley-lane to St. John's into a road-way 40 feet in width, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 71). Your Superintending Architect thinks it uncertain whether some of the roads, as proposed to be laid out, will afford direct communication, as required by the 7th Section of the Amendment Act of 1882. The Lewisham District Board consider that the gradients of the proposed roads are objectionable; and your Committee, regarding the proposal as unsatisfactory, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. W. Reed, on behalf of Mr. W. F. Ecroyd, M.P., and others, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and name of a new road to lead out

of Surrey-square, Old Kent-road, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 73). It appears from your Superintending Architect's Report, that at present there exists a narrow passage called Surrey-mews, upon the line of the proposed new road, which will be absorbed in the formation of the thoroughfare. The Vestry of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, offer no objection to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the road, and that the applicant do satisfy the Solicitor of the Board as to his ownership of the land required for the completion of the road, and that the name "Madron-street, S.E.," be approved for the new road.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of a house on the South side of Lavender-hill, the flank wall of which is within 20 feet of the centre of Wix's-lane, referred by the Board on the 3rd August last (No. 108). It appears from your Solicitor's Report that the builder has erected the house flanking on Wix's-lane, without leaving the statutory width of roadway. Your Committee recommend—

That the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice upon the builder, and, if necessary obtain a Summons.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letter from Messrs. Grantham and Son, on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, giving notice of their intention to proceed with the formation of a new road in continuation of Stamford-brook-road, Hammersmith, notwithstanding the refusal of the Board to sanction the Plan, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 84). It appears from a Report which your Committee have received from your Solicitor, that a portion of the approach is outside the Board's jurisdiction, and that it is not a case in which the Board can be advised to oppose the formation of the proposed road. Your Committee recommend—

That no action be taken by the Board in the matter.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of houses, with shops, on the South side of a passage-way leading from St. John's-hill, Battersea, to the Railway Station at Clapham Junction, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 87). The two houses referred to have been erected in a private road, closed by gates at both ends. Your Committee are advised by your Solicitor that it is a case which can be dealt with by the District Board, and that it is not expedient for this Board to take any action in the matter at the present time. Your Committee recommend—

That the substance of the Solicitor's Report be communicated to the District Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, relative to the projection upon the foot-way of steps in front of Nos. 41, 56, and 57, Elm-park-gardens, and asking the Board to take action with respect thereto, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 64). Your Solicitor advises that the Local authorities have in their own hands a complete remedy for the irregularity complained of, and that it is not a matter with regard to which the Board should take any proceedings. Your Committee recommend—

That the substance of the Solicitor's Report be communicated to the Vestry.

Your Solicitor has reported to your Committee that, in accordance with the instructions given to him by the Board on the 13th July last (No. 16), he served a Penal Notice upon the builder in respect of the enclosure with wood of the posts and rails adjoining No. 1, Woodland's-terrace, Woodland's-road, Greenwich. The builder has now explained that the road in question is a private road, partially enclosed by posts and railings, and that the posts which have now been repaired and enclosed have been there for about 20 years. Under the circumstances, your Solicitor has found it

inexpedient to take any further proceedings, and your Committee report the facts for the information of the Board.

Your Committee have had under consideration the application of Messrs. Trollope and Sons, on behalf of the Earl of Cork, for the consent of the Board to the enclosure of a portico at No. 11, Upper Belgrave-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 28th September last (No. 12). It is proposed to place a door in front of the portico, and to enclose the sides with brickwork and glazed casements. The Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, object to the application, and your Committee recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. H. H. Langston, on behalf of Mr. B. Stone, for the consent of the Board to the erection of five houses, with bays and balconies, and a house, with a porch and balcony, on the East side of Oakley-street, Chelsea, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 48). Your Superintending Architect has informed your Committee that the application has been withdrawn, and they therefore recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Holland and Hannen, on behalf of Mr. J. Samuel, for the consent of the Board to the enclosure of the front of a portico at No. 5, Great Stanhope-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 55). This is a proposal to add folding doors, with a fanlight above them, to the front of the existing portico. The Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, oppose the application. and your Committee concur with them in thinking it open to objection, and they therefore recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have considered the Report by your Superintending Architect, stating that Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor for Fulham, proposed that his District Office should be removed to Churchfield House, King's-road, on the 29th instant, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 9). Your Committee have received from your Superintending Architect an explanation of the proposal, from which it appears that the new Office will be situated in a main thoroughfare, and will be easily accessible from other parts of the District. Your Committee see no objection to the proposal, and they recommend—

That it be acceded to.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. G. Preedy, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of two houses, with shops, on the North side of Dalston-lane, Hackney, at the corner of Norfolk-road, in the position and to the line shown thereon, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 44). The proposed houses and shops are situated between Norfolk-road and No. 103, Dalston-lane, and are to be brought out to a line 20 feet from the centre of the road-way in the latter thoroughfare. The applicant is prepared to give up the land coloured Blue on the Plan, so as to widen Dalston-lane. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shops from the public way, and shown by Blue colour on the Plan, be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Porter and Abraham, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses with one-storey shops on the South side of Hanley-road, at the corner of Regina-road,

Islington, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 48). On the 27th July last, the Committee refused an application for the erection of buildings on the site. The only alteration in the present Plan is the omission of a bay-window to the corner house in Regina-road. Your Committee concur with your Superintending Architect in thinking the application objectionable, and they recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from the Vestry of Kensington, relative to the erection of a house on the North side of Observatory-gardens, at the corner of Campden House-road, alleged to be in advance of the line approved by the Board, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 49). Your Superintending Architect has reported that he directed a survey of the locality to be made, and found that the flank wall of the house marked "A" on the Plan appeared to be about 2 feet in advance of the line approved by the Board on the 4th August, 1871, but that the front of the house conformed to the frontage line in Observatory-gardens. Your Committee recommend—

That the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report be communicated to the Vestry.

The Board, on Friday last (No. 54), referred to your Committee the application of Mr. G. Frost, for the consent of the Board to the erection of eight houses, with one-storey bay-windows, on the North side of Lavender-hill, Battersea, between Lavender Lodge and Wymering-terrace, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposed houses are set back 14 feet 6 inches from the public way in Lavender-hill, and they form a continuation of the general line of buildings in Glynd-terrace and Wymering-terrace. The Wandsworth District Board see no objection to the line of frontage of the houses. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of Messrs. Lockyer, Son and Cox, on behalf of Messrs. Chambers and Stenteford, for approval by the Board of a further amended Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of Marsh-lane, East Greenwich, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 66). The Board, on the 25th May last, refused their consent to the formation of roads upon the Estate. The present Plan is very similar to that which was refused, and is open to the same objection, namely, the unfinished state of Waldridge-road. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. E. Withers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of buildings on the South side of Northwold-road, Clapton, at the corner of Alconbury-road, in the position and to the line shown thereon, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 68). The Hackney District Board suggest that the proposal should only be sanctioned on condition that the acute angle at the junction of Northwold and Alconbury Roads be rounded off from a point measured 6 feet back in each road. Your Committee, considering the Plan, in its present form, objectionable, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

The Board on Friday last (No. 69) referred to your Committee the application of Mr. C. Belton, on behalf of the United Land Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the North-East side of Highgate-hill. The proposed roads are 40 feet in width, and afford direct communication between the two main thoroughfares. Your Committee see no objection to the Plan, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or

other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Bismarck-road, N.," "Despard-road, N.," and "Lidyard-road, N.," be approved for the same.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Hills and Fletcher, on behalf of Mr. E. Wood, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a new road to lead out of Old Ford-road, Bow, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 72). The Board, on the 13th July last, refused an application for the formation of a road upon this land, terminating as a *cul-de-sac*. The applicant now desires to form the road as at first proposed, but to continue it at right angles into Old Ford-road at a point further North. Your Committee, considering that the proposed road will not afford the communication required by the Act of Parliament, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
WM. DEBENHAM.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. O. Cook, on behalf of Mr. S. Barnes, for approval by the Board of amended Plans of certain proposed additions and alterations at the Theatre Royal, in Beresford-street, Woolwich, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the application of Mr. C. J. Phipps, on behalf of Mr. C. Hengler, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the temporary conversion into a Circus of the Floral-hall, Covent-garden, adjoining the Royal Italian Opera House, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the structural alterations executed at the South London Palace of Amusement, in London-road, Southwark, be approved, and that the Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey be informed in accordance therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. H. Hart, for approval by the Board of the Drawings of proposed alterations to the "Star" Music-hall, in Abbey-street, Bermondsey, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. Dickeson, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Amendment Act, 1878, in respect of the proposed conversion of a Swimming-bath in Speke-road, Battersea, into a Dancing-hall and Concert-room, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen of the united Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of the new public Hall at the rear of the new Westminster Town-hall, in Caxton-street, be granted, and that the Certificate be sealed and be issued to the applicants.

The Clerk laid before the Board the Certificate, prepared in accordance with the foregoing Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Certificate; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a copy of the Report of the Chemical Assistant upon Monsieur Gustave Bernheim's invention of a chemical

preparation, to render the dresses, scenery, decorations, and woodwork used in Theatres fire-resisting, be sent to the Lord Chamberlain, and that his Lordship be informed that, as the Board's powers with respect to Theatres are limited to the remedying of structural defects, they have no power to enforce the use of any process such as that suggested.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having being read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure, No. 126, Whitecross-street, St. Luke, had failed to comply with the Order made by John Hosack, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Clerkenwell Police-court, on the 14th day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the side-wall of No. 126, Whitecross-street, where the same is bulged, fractured, out of the perpendicular, or otherwise defective.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner and occupier of the structure, No. 10, Type-street, St. Luke, had failed to comply with the Orders made by Henry Jeffreys Bushby, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Worship-street Police-court, on the 10th day of May, and the 28th day of June last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the front wall of No. 10, Type-street, St. Luke, where the same is bulged and out of the perpendicular, or otherwise defective.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner and occupier of the structure, No. 11, Type-street, St. Luke, had failed to comply with the Orders made by Henry Jeffreys Bushby, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Worship-street Police-court, on the 10th day of May and the 28th day of June last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the front wall of No. 11, Type-street, St. Luke, where the same is bulged and out of the perpendicular, or otherwise defective.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure, No. 25, Upper Montague-street, St. Marylebone, had failed to comply with the Order made by William Major Cooke, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Marylebone Police-court, on the 6th day of September last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd

—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the portion of the East chimney-stack on the basement story of No. 25, Upper Montague-street, St. Marylebone, where the same is cracked, and the brickwork over it; and also to take down the South-East quoin on the ground story of the house, and to underpin the same.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure, No. 18, Red Lion-street, Wapping, had failed to comply with the Order made by Franklin Lushington, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Thames Police-court, on the 10th day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised, to take down the whole of the remaining portions of No. 18, Red Lion-street, Wapping, including the party-wall of the building.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the Letter from the Westminster District Board, transmitting a copy of a communication from Mr. Bartley, as to certain wooden structures erected in Victoria-street, be approved, and that the substance of the Solicitor's Report on the subject be communicated to the District Board in reply to their Letter.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That the application of Mr. J. F. Haskins, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building in Berkeley-grove, Berkeley-road, Regent's-park-road, St. Pancras, be granted for One year from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That the application of Mr. G. Blyton, on behalf of Dr. T. B. Gildersleeves, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of Marsh-hill, Hackney, be not granted.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That the application of Mr. W. Cole, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of an extension of Carson-road into Park-road, East Dulwich, be not granted.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That the application of Mr. S. J. Jarrard, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Brockley-lane, Lewisham, and for the conversion of the footpath leadingfrom Brockley-lane to St. John's into a road-way, 40 feet in width, be not granted.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That the application of Mr. W. Reed, on behalf of Mr. W. F. Ecroyd, M.P., and others, for approval by the Board of the formation and name of a road to lead out of Surrey-square, Old Kent-road, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the applicant do satisfy the Solicitor as to his ownership of the land required for the completion of the road, and that the name "Madron-street, S.E.," be approved for the new road.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, as to the erection of a house on the South side of Lavender-hill, the flank wall of which is within 20 feet of the centre of Wix's-lane, be approved, and that the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice upon the builder, and, if necessary, obtain a Summons.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That no action be taken by the Board with reference to the Letter from Messrs. Grantham and Son, on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, giving notice of their intention to proceed with the formation of a new road in continuation of Stamford-brook-road, Hammersmith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, as to the erection of houses, with shops, on the South side of a passage-way leading from St. John's-hill, Battersea, to Clapham Junction Railway Station, be approved, and that the substance of the Solicitor's Report on the subject be communicated to the District Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, as to the projection upon the foot-way of steps in front of Nos. 41, 56 and 57, Elm-park-gardens, be approved, and that the substance of the Solicitor's Report on the subject be communicated to the Vestry.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd and seconded—That so much of the Report as relates to the legal proceedings taken by the Solicitor with reference to the enclosure with wood of the post and rails adjoining No. 1, Woodland's-terrace, Woodland's-road, Greenwich, be approved.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Richardson, and seconded—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Richardson, be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Trollope and Sons, on behalf of the Earl of Cork, for the consent of the Board to the enclosure of a portico at No. 11, Upper Belgrave-street, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the application of Mr. H. H. Langston, on behalf of Mr. B. Stone, for consent to the erection of five houses, with bays and balconies, and a house, with a porch and balcony, on the East side of Oakley-street, Chelsea, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Holland and Hannen, on behalf of Mr. J. Samuel, for the consent of the Board to the enclosure of the front of a portico at No. 5, Great Stanhope-street, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the proposal of Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor for the District of Fulham, to remove his District Office to Churchfield House, King's-road, be acceded to.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. G. Preedy, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of two houses, with shops, on the North side of Dalston-lane, at the corner of Norfolk-road, Hackney, in the position and to the line shown thereon, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shops from the public way, and shown by Blue colour on the Plan, be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Porter and Abraham, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses

with one-storey shops on the South side of Hanley-road, at the corner of Regina-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of Kensington, with respect to the erection of a house on the North side of Observatory-gardens, at the corner of Campden House-road, alleged to be in advance of the line sanctioned by the Board, be approved, and that the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report on the subject be communicated to the Vestry.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. G. Frost, for the consent of the Board to the erection of eight houses, with one-storey bay-windows, on the North side of Lavender-hill, Battersea, between Lavender-lodge and Wymering-terrace, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Lockyer, Son and Cox, on behalf of Messrs. Chambers and Stenteford, for approval by the Board of a further amended Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of Marsh-lane, East Greenwich, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. E. Withers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of buildings on the South side of Northwold-road, Clapton, at the corner of Alconbury-road, in the position and to the line shown thereon, be not granted,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. Belton, on behalf of the United Land Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of the North-East side of Highgate-hill, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Bismarck-road, N.," "Despard-road, N.," and "Lidyard-road, N.," be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Hills and Fletcher, on behalf of Mr. E. Wood, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation and name of a new street to lead out of Old Ford-road, Bow, be not granted.

14. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 19th October, 1883, on applications from the following Vestry and District Board, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
		PADDINGTON.			
1883. 15th October	Maida-vale, between Elgin-road and Stranraer-place	Paving.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	The routes described in the letters of application.
	Ditto, between Stranraer-place and Clifton-road.	Do.	4 „	4 „	
	Ditto, between Clifton-road and Maida-hill West.	Do.	3 „	3 „	
		HACKNEY.			
16th October	Cricket-field-road, between Down's-road and Down's-park-road.	Repairing roadway.	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the

closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestry and District Board, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 19th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Surveyor to the Vestry of Islington, submitting for approval an amended Section of the pipe Sewer proposed to be laid in Highgate-hill; stating that, on the 5th instant, the Board approved of a Plan, submitted by the Vestry, for 640 feet of 15-inch pipe Sewer to be laid in Highgate-hill; that it was now proposed to lay the pipe at a greater depth, and a somewhat less steep gradient than that originally intended, the length and size remaining the same, and recommending that the modification should be sanctioned.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the proposed modification be sanctioned.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 19th October, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. T. Williams, offering to purchase two old Boilers belonging to the Board, and lying at the Crossness Pumping Station; stating that Mr. Williams offered £22 10s. for each of the two Boilers, and recommending that the offer be not accepted

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the offer be declined.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 19th October, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. V. Brettell, Hon. Secretary of the Camden Estate Protection Committee, relative to smells proceeding from certain gratings to the Sewers in Camden-square and Camden road; stating that the smells from the grating near No. 25, Camden-square, and from those on the South side of the Square proceeded from open air gratings belonging to the Vestry of St. Pancras; and that those from the grating opposite No. 45 in the Square, and from the gratings in the Camden-road proceeded from the Fleet Sewer, but that those gratings had since been and were still being deodorised, and recommending that Mr. Brettell should be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 19th October, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contracts, viz.—

	Estimate.
Western Pumping Station.	
Painting, varnishing, &c., both inside and outside, the doors, gates, and window sashes and frames, of the main and auxiliary engine and boiler houses, and the workshops and stores ...	£90 0 0
Limekiln Dock Sewer.	
Substituting 12 new gully gratings for the present small gratings, and repairing the gullies in Old Bethnal-green-road ...	60 0 0
Drunken Dock Sluice.	
Re-constructing, &c., about 250 feet run of 12-inch pipe Sewer at East-ferry-road, Isle of Dogs	40 0 0
Total... ...	£190 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 19th October, 1883, stating that a new cold-water Pump was required for use at the Crossness Pumping Station, and recommending that it be supplied by Messrs. Watt and Co., at an estimated cost, inclusive of the labour of taking out the old and putting in the new Pump, of £70.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that the Pump be obtained of Messrs. Watt and Co., the cost being charged to the General Account of the Board.

20. The Solicitor presented copies of the following Acts which had received the Royal Assent last Session—

Metropolitan Street Improvements Act, 1883.
Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges, &c.) Act, 1883.
Metropolitan Board of Works (District Railway Ventilators) Act, 1883.
Bexley-heath Railway Act, 1883.
Metropolitan District Railway Act, 1883.
Peckham and East Dulwich Tramways Extension Act, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the three last-mentioned Acts be referred to the Engineer, to see that the provisions thereof in which the Board are concerned are duly observed.

21. The Solicitor stated that, in respect of any Bills to be promoted by the Board in the next Session of Parliament, a Gazette Notice would have to be inserted in the Papers on or about the 12th November next, and that Plans and Books of Reference must be deposited by the 30th of that month; and that Notice of any Schemes under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts would have to be given during three consecutive weeks in the month of November, but that the Improvement Schemes, with Plans and Estimates, must be deposited at the Home Office before the insertion of the first Notice, and that practically, therefore, as to those Schemes the Plans and Books of Reference, and the information necessary to enable him to finally settle the Schemes must be completed by the end of the second week of November.

22 The Solicitor presented an official copy of the Standing Orders of the Houses of Lords and Commons for next Session.

23. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements for the undermentioned Loans had been completed, and that the Cheques had been duly handed over in exchange for the proper securities—

	Amount of Loan.
School Board for London (£100,000 first instalment) ...	£200,000 0 0
Poplar District Board	3,000 0 0
Lewisham do	2,800 0 0
Hampstead Guardians	3,000 0 0
St. Pancras Vestry	1,200 0 0

24. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the periods for the re-payment of the sums of £32,465, £2,250 and £12,630, making up the total of the Loan of £47, 345, to be advanced to the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, and he suggested that the Board should now draw Cheques for the amounts, to enable him to complete the arrangement.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £32,465 be now drawn on the General Capital Account, and a Cheque for the sum of £14,880 on the Consolidated Loans Fund; and Cheques were drawn accordingly.

25. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £6,500 to the Board of Management of the Central London School District, and he suggested that this Board should now draw a Cheque for the amount, to enable him to complete the arrangement.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £6,500 be now drawn; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

26. The Solicitor reported that a man named Huggett, was seen in the early morning of the 14th instant to break one of the ornamental iron railings on the Victoria

Embankment, opposite the Egyptian Obelisk, and was given into the custody of the Police; that Mr. Flowers, the Magistrate at the Bow-street Police-court, had convicted him and fined him £3, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment, and had allowed one week's time for payment.

27. The Solicitor reported that the Fire Brigade Committee had instructed him to settle the claim of Mr. Arnold, for damage by a collision between a hose van and a cart in Southwark-bridge-road, by payment of £30 for damage, and £5 5s. for costs, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for £35 5s. in order that he might dispose of the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £35 5s. be now drawn; and a Cheque was drawn on the Fire Brigade Working Account, payable to Mr. R. Arnold.

28. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Agreement with Mr. E. F. Crookenden, for a tenancy of the premises erected over the Earl Sewer at Deptford Lower-road, prepared pursuant to the Resolution of the Works, &c., Committee, of 19th March last.

Two Conveyances by Miss F. D. T. Millett and Miss E. J. Millett, and others, of Nos. 3 and 4 Wells-street, Poplar, and Memorials for the registration of the same (Wells-street, Poplar Scheme).

Appointment of Mr. Vulliamy as Valuer in the matter of a claim by Mrs. J. M. Rogers, and another, in respect of the premises, Nos. 7 and 8, Angel-court, Great Windmill-street, St. James's (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

Agreement, in duplicate, with Mr. F. Morris, for a tenancy of premises erected over the Earl Sewer Yeoman-street, Deptford, prepared pursuant to the Resolution of the Works, &c., Committee, of 19th March last.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

29. The Clerk reported, for the information of the Board, that the Corporation of the City of London had appointed the Right Honourable Henry Edmund Knight, Lord Mayor, a representative on the Kew, &c., Bridges Joint Committee of the Corporation, and this Board, in the place of Sir Sydney Hedley Waterlow, Bart., M.P., who had resigned the office of Alderman.

30. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 12th instant, (No. 6), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Chicksand-street, &c.	Whitechapel.
George-street	do.
King-street, &c.	do.
Little North-street	do.
White's-row, &c.	do.
Rose-gardens	Fulham.
Temple-street, &c.	Bethnal-green.
Collingwood-street, &c.	do.
Lisbon-street	do.
Ringford-road, &c.	Wandsworth.
Maude-grove	Chelsea.
Fountain-court	Strand.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

31. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. C. Dimsdale, Hon. Secretary of the Lord Mayor and Sheriff's Committee, dated 12th October, 1883, asking the Board to allow a detachment of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, similar to that of last year, to accompany the procession on the ensuing Lord Mayor's Day.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the request be complied with, and that it be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee to make the necessary arrangements with Captain Shaw.

32. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Spencer, Clerk to the Greenwich District Board, dated 12th October, 1883, requesting this Board to introduce into one of their Bills, Clauses to enable a portion of the Burial-ground of the Parish Church of St. Paul, Deptford, to be added to the adjoining highway of Church-street, as shown on the Plan accompanying the Letter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

33. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. H. Atkins, Clerk to the St. Saviour's District Board, dated 12th October, 1883, expressing regret at the decision of this Board with regard to a suggested Metropolitan Improvement by the formation of a new street from Park-street and Sumner-street to Bankside; asking for a reconsideration of the matter, and enquiring, in the event of this Board still regarding the work as a Local Improvement merely, whether, upon the District Board contributing a portion of the cost, this Board would be willing to include the scheme in one of their Street Improvement Bills.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

34. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Ellis, Clerk to the Hackney District Board, dated 12th October, 1883, agreeing to the Design, as amended by the Engineer of this Board, for widening and improving the Bridge over the New River at Lordship-road, Stoke Newington, and stating that the District Board would cause the work to be carried out in conformity therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. W. Webb and Co., dated 11th October, 1883, enclosing, for the Board's consideration, as required by the Tramways Act, 1870, a copy of the Bye-laws of the West Metropolitan Tramways Company, submitted to the Board of Trade for their approval.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Bye-laws be referred to the Parliamentary Committee.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Fox, dated 15th October, 1883, asking to be allowed to submit to the Works and General Purposes Committee, on Monday next, a Plan of a proposed line of Railway from Charing-cross to the London and North-Western Railway.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. White, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, with authority to invite Mr. Fox to attend the Committee.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. E. Salway, Clerk to the Vestry of Chelsea, dated 16th October, 1883, transmitting a Plan of an Improvement which the Vestry proposed to effect in the Kensal-road, at an estimated cost of £675, exclusive of works to be executed, and expressing a hope that the Board would in due course contribute towards such cost.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. H. Atkins, Clerk to the St. Saviour's District Board, dated 12th October, 1883, referring to applications made to this Board for an opportunity for the Surveyor and the Medical Officer to the District Board to inspect and examine the new length of Sewer in Southwark-bridge-road; and requesting that this Board would afford the Surveyor an opportunity to inspect and examine the Sewer in question.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Dethridge, Clerk to the Vestry of Paddington, dated 17th October, 1883, asking the Board to insert in any Bill which they might introduce into Parliament to amend the Metropolis Management Acts, a Clause for enforcing a penalty against any person not constructing a Sewer in accordance with the Plan and Sections approved by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

40. It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the motion by Mr. J. Jones, notice of which appears in the Paper of Business, be now considered.

The Chairman stated, in reply to a question by Mr. Richardson, that the motion was not in order, inasmuch as the subject to which it had reference had already been referred to a Committee for consideration, and that they had not yet reported upon it.

It was then moved by Mr. J. Jones, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter from the Strand District Board, stating that they had passed a Resolution to the effect that the contemplated expenditure for a Low Level Bridge East of London Bridge is too serious a burden for the ratepayers, be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject.

41. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 16th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill	17·1	16.9	17·0	8·5	7·4	8·1	0·2	0·0	0·1	None.
	Camden	17·7	16·7	17·1	10·0	8·3	9·5	0·3	0·1	0·2	„
	Dalston	17·5	16·8	17·1	17·7	15·3	16·5	0·1	0·0	0·0	„
	Bow	17·8	17·2	17·4	14·4	10·8	13·1	1·0	0·5	0·7	„
	Chelsea	16·7	16·2	16·4	16·1	11·8	14·1	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·6	17·1	17·3	15·1	13·2	14·2	0·3	0·1	0·2	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)	21·5	21·0	21·3	11·9	8·2	10·4	0·8	0·4	0.6	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company	Peckham	Station closed for repairs.									
	Tooley-street	16·5	16·2	16·4	9·9	7·8	8·5	0·4	0·0	0·2	„
	Clapham	17·0	16·6	16·8	11·8	9·4	10·9	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham	17·2	16·1	16·4	14·0	8·0	9·5	0·6	0·2	0·4	„
Commercial Gas Company	Old Ford	17·6	16.8	17·2	13·2	6·8	10·2	0·4	0·0	0·2	„
	St. George-in-the-East	17·1	16·4	16·6	15·3	8·1	11·4	0·2	0·1	0·2	„

42. BETHNAL-GREEN.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. C. Beaumont, on behalf of Mr. E. H. Bradley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 106, 108, and 110 Grove-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

43. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. H. Jarvis, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of three houses between Nos. 18 and 20 George-street, without the consent of the Board.

It was **moved** by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

44. Hampstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Ellis, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses and shops on the East side of Edgware-road, at the corner of Loveridge-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

45. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. G. Carter and Son, on behalf of Mr. J. Lee, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses, with one storey shops, on the North side of Grove-road, Holloway-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be not granted.

46. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Yates, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 18 to 28 Fulham-road (even numbers only) to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be not granted.

47. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Lambeth, relative to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 90 and 92 Acre-lane, Brixton.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

48. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. G. Trollope and Sons, on behalf of Sir A. Borthwick, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a water-closet addition at the rear of No. 139, Piccadilly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be not granted.

49. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. W. Cubitt & Co. on behalf of Mr. A. H. Seymour, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of No. 95, Piccadilly, with balconies and bays on the first and second floors, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

50. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Holland and Hannen, on behalf of Mr. W. Agnew, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a verandah over the balcony of No. 11 Great Stanhope-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of

application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

51. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Christopher and White, on behalf of Messrs. Winsor and Newton, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building upon a portion of the forecourt of their premises on the West side of Spring-place, Kentish-town, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Furniss, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

52. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Hide, on behalf of Mr. R. H. C. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a two-storey addition upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 3, The Grove, Highgate, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application be not granted.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Furniss, and seconded by Mr. Wetenhall—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

53. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 3rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. J. Thompson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 233, Kentish-town-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Furniss, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Green upon the Plan, be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

54. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. R. Pite, on behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building on the North side of Camden-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Furniss, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

55. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Farebrother, Ellis, Clark, and Co., for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the forecourt of No. 107, High-street, Camden-town, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of the Board.

56. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Randall, on behalf of Mr. Filby, for the consent of

the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on the East side of No. 163, Queen's-crescent, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Furniss, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

57. St. Saviour, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. C. Reed, on behalf of Miss E. G. Carr and others, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an iron Bridge over the passage to Queen's Head-yard, High-street, Borough, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

58. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. W. Roff, on behalf of Mr. J. Foster, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden porch to a house in Stella-road, Lower Tooting.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

59. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Duncanson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to the front and back of six houses on the North-East side of Trinity-road, Wandsworth-common.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

60. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Walker, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of barge-boards to six houses on the North side of Leigham-court-road, Streatham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

61. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. P. W. Williamson, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, a temporary iron building known as Addison-park Chapel, in Bolingbroke-road, Hammersmith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a further period of Two years, from this date, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

62. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Dunford and Langham, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at the Highbury Brewery in the Holloway-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

63. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building in Mantle-road, Brockley.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for Two years, from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

64. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Livingstone, on behalf of the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, for the permission of the Board to retain three temporary iron sheds, erected by the Vestry, at their Wharf, in Commercial-road, Pimlico.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

65. St. Giles-in-the-Fields.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Wiggs, on behalf of Messrs. Turner and Son, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft in Goldsmith-street, Drury-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

66. Bethnal-green.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 26th September, 1883, on the application of Mr. N. Lidstone, on behalf of Mrs. Smith, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of three houses on the North side of Cooper's-gardens, Hackney-road, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

67. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Hackney District Board, relative to the erection of a gate across the Northern entrance to the extension of Sanford-place, Stoke Newington-common, Stoke Newington.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

68. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Evans, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of Pond-lane, Clapton, and of the names "Colenso-road, E.," and "Saratoga-road, E.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads.

69. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. C. Pawley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of two houses, with bay windows, on the South side of Arpley-road, Penge, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

70. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, for approval by the Board of a

Plan for the formation and names of roads in connection with Silwood-street, and the extension of that street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

71. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the erection of buildings on the North side of the approach to the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, in High-road, Streatham, in the position and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

72. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Young, on behalf of Mr. Last, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open lean to shed upon land adjoining No. 238, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

73. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Vickery, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of premises at the corner of Lower-marsh and Robert-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

74. Shoreditch.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of the Vestry of Shoreditch, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed at the rear of the Town Hall.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

75. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th October, 1883, on Letters from Mr. H. Parsons, District Surveyor, and Messrs. Lee and Tregelles, stating that a Disagreement having arisen between them relative to the construction of a Staircase at Stockwell College, they, in accordance with the 30th Section of the Building Act, submitted the matter for the decision of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter of Disagreement be considered by the Board on Friday next, at One o'clock p.m., and that the parties concerned be requested to attend.

76. City of London (Southern Division).—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Blake, on behalf of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, for the appointment by the Board of Fees, to Mr. Edward Power, District Surveyor for the District of the Southern Division of the City of London, in respect of services performed by him in surveying Dangerous Structures within that District.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, amounting to the sum of £21 10s., as specified in the Accounts, numbered 1 to 12, now presented to this Board, be paid to Mr. Edward Power, the District Surveyor mentioned in such Accounts, in respect of services performed by him in surveying Dangerous Structures within the City of London.

77. Westminster.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Dru Drury, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of a Fee for a special service performed by him in superintending the fixing of a Boiler and high pressure hot water pipes at St. Margaret's Mansions, in Victoria-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 60s. in respect of the special service referred to.

78. St. James, Westminster.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Archer and Green, on behalf of Mr. W. Jay, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the separation of premises in Swallow-place, Oxford-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

79. Mile-end Old-town.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, submitting for the Seal of the Board a License in respect of the Mission Hall at the rear of the "Edinburgh Castle" Public-house, in Edinburgh-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

80. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th October, 1883, stating that Mr. W. E. Hudson, Assistant in the Building Act Branch of the Department, was unable to attend the Office in consequence of illness, and that should Mr. Hudson not return within a fortnight the matter would be again reported to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

81. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of wooden porches to six houses in Thrale-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 26th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 11.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday,** the **26th** day of **October,** 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Donald Munro, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.
Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	George Phillips, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
Charles Harris, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.	George Edwards, Esq.	William Robson, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	Robert Furniss, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.
Robert Jones, Esq.	John Abbott, Esq.	James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
John Robert Jolly, Esq.	Thomas Turner, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.	WilliamBurnhamGarrett, Esq.	John Jones, Esq.
James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	William Urquhart, Esq.	Robert Cox, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	Alfred Pocock, Esq.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 19th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. A Deputation from the Vestry of Islington, introduced by Mr. Reddish, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz.—Mr. J. S. Furlong, Mr. C. Walker, Mr. J. Madgin, Mr. H. Dawson, Mr. J. T. Stonelake, Mr. H. W. Wilkins, Mr. E. Cherry, Mr. J. Forbes, Mr. W. Maiden, Mr. W. Goodman, and Mr. C. Sharman, accompanied by Mr. W. F. Dewey, the Clerk, and Mr. C. Higgins, the Surveyor to the Vestry, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, in the County Middlesex, under their Common Seal,

Sheweth,—

That your Memorialists are a Vestry constituted under the Metropolis Local Management Act, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 120, having jurisdiction over a Parish which contains 3,107 statute

acres, possesses an estimated population of 294,616, and produces a ratable annual value of £1,537,081.

That the districts of Upper and Lower Holloway, with an area of 1,452 statute acres, a population of over 95,000, and a ratable annual value of £554,984, form an extensive portion of such Parish.

That, on the 1st November, 1878, a Memorial was presented to your Honourable Board by your Memorialists, calling attention to the very serious inconvenience, loss and damage to which the inhabitants of the Parish, and more particularly the residents of the districts referred to, were subjected to through floodings caused by the failure of the Main Sewers to carry off the large quantity of water discharged into them at times of heavy rainfalls.

That, in compliance with the prayer of that Memorial, your Honourable Board have caused an outfall, or relief, Sewer to be constructed along the Camden-road, in your Memorialists' Parish.

That, notwithstanding, and since the construction of such Sewer, the Parish of your Memorialists, and particularly the districts previously referred to, have from time to time suffered very considerably by the overflowing of the Sewers during heavy storms of rain, and by the consequent flooding of the houses of the inhabitants.

That, on Monday, the 14th July last, many of the underground basements in Holloway were flooded through the heavy rainfall which occurred on that day, and that the circumstances connected with such flooding were very fully set forth in a Report, prepared by your Memorialists' Surveyor, a copy of which was forwarded to your Honourable Board on the 11th August last.

That since this date your Memorialists have had the subject again brought prominently under their notice by the severe storm which occurred on the 18th September last, upon which occasion not only were the basements of a very large number of houses flooded with sewage, but great inconvenience and danger was caused to the public generally through the roads and foot-paths under the charge of your Memorialists being under water to a considerable depth.

That a Report giving the details of this last flooding has been made by your Memorialist Surveyor.

That copies of this and of the Surveyor's former Report are hereto annexed, and submitted as forming part of this Memorial.

That since their Memorial was presented in 1878, there has been, as your Honourable Board is no doubt aware, a very considerable increase in the number and length of the roads and Sewers, the number of gullies, in the number of inhabited houses, and in the population, all tending to increase the flow of water through the Main Sewers of the Parish, and there is still every probability of further increase.

That your Memorialists, while fully realising the substantial nature of their ratepayers' grievance, find themselves powerless to alleviate the same, and they therefore lay such grievance before your Honourable Board, as one which demands, in the public interest, a speedy and effectual remedy ; and in doing so they have to respectfully submit that, while the existing state of things is allowed to continue, the present system of Main Drainage, to the cost of which its ratepayers so largely contribute, cannot be considered adequate to supply the requirements of your Memoralists' Parish.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honourable Board will take, with as little delay as possible, such further steps as may seem to them necessary for enabling the Main Sewers to efficiently and rapidly carry off the water that may be discharged into them after heavy storms of rain, thereby relieving your Memorialists' Parish, and particularly the districts referred to from the inundations to which it has been so long subject.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

The Common Seal of the Vestry was affixed by Order of Vestry, dated 5th October, 1883.

L. S.

(Signed) Wm. F. DEWEY,
Vestry Clerk.

The Reports referred to in the Memorial were laid before the Board.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Reddish, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

A Deputation from ratepayers and inhabitants of Holloway and Upper Holloway, introduced by Mr. Bradfield, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz.—Mr. J. H. Mote, Mr. S. Rayson, Mr. J. Knight, Mr. H. Tucker, Mr. C. Walker, Mr. B. Edman, Mr. T. Fox, Mr. J. Lamb, Mr. T. L. Roberts, Mr. J. M. Broad, Mr. J. H. Read, and Mr. W. H. Walkley, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned Ratepayers of the Parish of Islington,

Sheweth—

1.—Your Memorialists are Ratepayers and Householders residing in the Northern part of the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington, particularly in the districts of Upper and Lower Holloway.

2.—Since the great rain storm in the autumn of 1878, and the construction by your Honourable Board of the Storm Relief Sewer in the Camden-road, several very severe storms have occurred in the above districts, viz., on the 10th July, 1882, and the 27th January, 30th June, 14th July, and 17th September, 1883, those of the 14th July, and 17th September being the most serious and disastrous.

3.—The storm of the 14th July last was productive of much injury to the property of the inhabitants by the flooding of basements of houses, and upon enquiry being made at the Offices of the Vestry it was stated that the cause of the disaster arose mainly from the inadequateness of the Main Sewers under the jurisdiction of your Honourable Board to carry off the great accumulation of surface water draining from the upper parts of the Parish.

4.—The storm flood of the 17th September last, however, was much more serious, and completely demonstrated the fact that the public were unprovided with means for carrying off sudden and vast accumulations of surface rain water. From the district of Upper Holloway to the district of Lower Holloway the leading thoroughfares and roads presented the appearance of flowing rivers or sheets of water. In a large number of instances there was a back flow of water from drains into cellars and basement floors. All this could not happen without great loss of property, and incalculable trouble and inconvenience to the suffering householders.

5.—A few instances of individual loss are given as under.

Prayer.

Your Memorialists therefore respectfully but earnestly pray your Honourable Board—

1st.—To cause full and searching enquiries to be made to ascertain the reasons why the before mentioned accumulated surface rain water was not carried off by the sewerage and drainage system already provided; and

2nd.—To provide adequate and sufficient means and alterations in the present system of sewerage and main drainage as will effectually prevent, in the future, the recurrence of the disastrous storm floodings above complained of.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) JOHN H. MOTE,
75, Isledon-road, Holloway.
And 253 others

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Bradfield, seconded by Mr. Reddish, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and the Engineer, for consideration, in connection with the foregoing reference.

3. A Deputation from a Conference of Delegates from the Vestries and District Boards East of London Bridge, introduced by Mr. Cook, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz.—Mr. C. T. Ritchie, M.P.; Mr. N. J. Fenner, Mr. A. Sheffield, Mr. T. Rugg, Mr. F. Jones, Mr. H. Marfleet, Mr. T. H. Sheppy, Mr. D. K. Forbes, Mr. W. Mellon, Mr. G. B. Holmes, Mr. L. Trickett, Mr. J. H. Cheshire, Mr. J. F. Rouse, Mr. J. Warburton, Mr. G. Chambers, Mr. A. Hitchins, Mr. W.

Jeves, Mr. C. Manz, Mr. D. Annan, Mr. R. W. Sherrard, Mr. G. Tanner, Mr. T. Elliott, Mr. J. D. Kemp, Mr. G. Young, Mr. G. Boys, Mr. W. Bangs, Mr. G. E. Charles, Mr. C. Lungly, Mr. J. Lenanton, Mr. J. Riddall, Mr. F. Duckham, Mr. J. Lambe, Mr. J. Porter, W. J. Randell, Mr. H. Edgecumbe, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. C. Webber, Mr. C. Dunch, and Mr. W. H. Farnfield, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Delegates appointed by various Boards and Vestries of the Metropolis, having jurisdiction East of London Bridge to consider the subject of vehicular communications between North and South of the Thames below such Bridge

Sheweth—

That a conference of your Memorialists was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Tuesday, the Twenty-third day of October instant, when it was stated that the Works Committee of your Honourable Board had agreed to recommend the adoption of a scheme for constructing a Tunnel from Wapping to Dockhead, the gradient of which Tunnel, for a distance of 560 yards on the Northern approach, would be 1 in 25.

That in the opinion of your Memorialists so steep a gradient would render the Tunnel practically useless, especially for heavy loads, and the position of the Tunnel would afford no relief to the Eastern districts in consequence of its proximity to London Bridge.

That your Memorialists consider the central scheme suggested by the Engineer to your Honourable Board, namely the Tunnel at Shadwell, would (provided one communication only is at present sanctioned by Parliament) give the greatest relief to the districts below Bridge.

That your Memorialists, at the above-mentioned Conference, unanimously agreed to the following Resolution, namely—

"That in view of the proposal of the Metropolitan Board of Works, as adopted at the "Meeting of the Works Committee of such Board, to apply to Parliament for "power to construct a Tunnel at Nightingale-lane, Wapping, and to drop the "three Schemes suggested by Sir Joseph Bazalgette, a Memorial be drawn up "and signed by the Chairman of this Conference, and presented to the Metropolitan "Board of Works on Friday next at its Meeting, urging that the Shadwell Tunnel "(known as the Central Scheme) should be persevered in, and that a separate Bill "be introduced by the Board into Parliament next Session seeking powers to "construct such Shadwell Tunnel at once, and that a Deputation from the various "Boards and Vestries, East of London Bridge, and represented at this Conference, "attend to support such Memorial."

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that your Honourable Board will be pleased to promote such separate Bill, and obtain power to construct the Shadwell Tunnel.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) JNO. LENANTON,
Chairman.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Abbott, and resolved—That the consideration of the Memorial be deferred until the recommendation of the Works and General Purposes Committee on the subject to which it refers shall have been brought before the Board.

4. Mr. Abbott handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Limehouse District.

Office, White Horse-street,
Commercial-road, East,
24th October, 1883.

Communications between North and South of the Thames, East of London Bridge.

Gentlemen,—On the other side I beg to forward you copy Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Board of Works for the Limehouse District, held this day, in reference to the

above question, and I am directed to request the favourable consideration of your Board to the same.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. W. RATCLIFF,
Clerk of the Board.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

"That a Letter be addressed to the Metropolitan Board of Works, urging that Board, in "the interests of the East and South of London, to include in any Bill that may be promoted "by them in the next Session of Parliament, for powers to form communication between the "North and South sides of the Thames, East of London Bridge, the scheme for the Subway "between Shadwell and Rotherhithe, as suggested by Sir Joseph Bazalgette in his Report of "the 19th August, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Abbott, seconded, and resolved—That the consideration of the Letter be deferred until the recommendation of the Works and General Purposes Committee, on the subject to which it refers, shall have been brought before the Board.

5. Mr. Runtz handed in a Letter, as follows—

Town-hall, Hackney, E.,
London, 26th October, 1883.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Works for the Hackney District to submit, for the consideration of your Board, Plan and duplicate of a proposed Improvement at Brooksby's-walk and The Grove, Homerton.

Brooksby's-walk is a narrow way leading from High-street, Homerton, to the Clapton-park Estate, and forms the principal entrance from Homerton. The Grove is a turning out of Brooksby's-walk.

In September, 1876, your Board agreed to contribute a moiety of the cost of widening the entrance of Brooksby's-walk; and this Board obtained a Faculty for setting back the wall of the Churchyard.

The proposed Improvement is in connection with the new Hospital buildings about to be erected by the Metropolitan Asylums Board; and the result of the negotiation with that Board is that they are willing to give up, for the purposes of widening, the parts coloured Pink on accompanying Plan, for the sum of £1,000.

Your Board will see that the proposed Improvement is very important, inasmuch as it forms the inlet to a large and populous neighbourhood, and more especially taking into consideration the desirability of having wide and open thoroughfares in the vicinity of the hospitals. The Metropolitan Asylums Board recognising this, have been induced to give up the land at half the original cost to them, inasmuch as it would work out, *pro rata*, at £2,000.

My Board desire me to ask the Metropolitan Board of Works to take this matter into consideration, with a view to their making a contribution of a moiety of the amount to be paid.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD ELLIS,
Clerk of the Board.

The Clerk of
The Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

6. Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 23rd October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 6th October, 1883...		£608,856 12 3		
Receipts since that date, as per Statement presented this day		53,869 5 3		
			£662,725 17 6	
Payments since 6th October, 1883			217,599 17 4	
Balance on 20th October, 1883 { viz.: Cash Balance at Bank ...		£454,417 12 9		
Less Cheques not presented		9,291 12 7		
				£445,126 - 2

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance *Overdrawn* on 6th October, 1883		£882 4 8		
Receipts since that date		5,942 5 6		
			£5,060 - 10	
Payments since 6th October, 1883			4,446 1 2	
Balance on 20th October, 1883 { viz: Cash Balance at Bank ...		£616 14 3		
Less Cheques not presented		2 14 7		
				613 19 8
Total Cash Balances on 20th October, 1883				**£445.739 19 10**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 6th October,* 1883.		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 20th October,* 1883.		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
Working Accounts—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General	...	55,249 6 10	969 1 7	8,343 16 10	...	47,876 4 1	1,113 2
Fire Brigade ...	15,423 3 6	...	1,752 - 2	3,325 4 -	16,997 19 10	...	63 7
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	1,184,039 6 11	38,709 2 2	132,475 15 -	...	1,090,272 14 1	...
Fire Brigade ...	32,520 17 11	...	...	38 11 1	32,559 9 -	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	97,483 8 10	...	...	5,163 7 10	102,646 16 8	...	2,582 16
Parks and Open Spaces	3,740 17 6	...	...	317 13 9	4,058 11 3	...	...
Albert Embankment	76 18 6	...	...	...	76 18 6	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	144 7 6	...	...	1,113 15 -	1,258 2 6	...	...
Streets (Act of 1872)	358 11 2	...	...	26 19 -	385 10 2	...	22 10
Appold Street ...	187 9 6	...	...	...	187 9 6	...	...
Streets (Act of 1877)	400,383 17 1	...	...	9,906 3 9	410,290 - 10	...	12,425 15
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	19,133 2 2	...	...	49 15 1	19,182 17 3	...	2,692 13
Thames Floods Prevention	5,802 3 9	...	- 3 4	63 11 -	5,865 11 5	...	...
Bridges (Act of 1881)	61,759 8 11	...	...	190 9 9	61,949 18 8	...	34,860 14
Miscellaneous—							
Bridges (Act of 1877)	...	26,381 17 8	1 - -	79 4 4	...	26,303 13 4	158 2
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	4,551 5 9	...	82 18 -	9,564 6 10	14,032 14 7	...	8,771 11
Consolidated Loans Fund	15,297 6 8	...	12,323 19 8	46,918 2 2	49,891 9 2	...	476 5
Firemen's Savings Fund	...	48 19 7	31 - 4	23 1 11	...	56 18 -	...
	656,862 18 9	1,265,719 11 -	53,869 5 3	217,599 17 4	719,383 9 4	1,164,509 9 6	63,166 16 -
	£608,856 12 3				£445,126 - 2		

INVESTMENTS.

FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND ... ... £3,620 8 5 ... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED from the 8th to 20th October, 1883—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Fees—		
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act) ... ... £10 5 –		
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act) 278 5 8		
„ Gas-meter testing 14 15 6		
„ Petroleum licenses ... ... 14 5 –		
„ Explosives Act ... ... 23 1 –		
	340 12 2	
Proceeds of sales of carcases—		
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act	15 12 9	
Costs recovered—		
Re Loans ... ... £250 10 –		
„ Bye-laws ... ... 3 11 –		
	254 1 –	
Fines—		
Re Bye-laws	37 – –	
Drain-junctions to main sewers...	4 3 4	
Plans, &c., sold	4 14 6	
Transfers in repayment of advances—		
Parks and Open Spaces... ... ... £311 7 9		
Streets (*Act of* 1877) 1 10 1		
	312 17 10	
		969 1 7
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Contributions from Insurance companies	1,100 11 4	
Contributions from men towards rent	102 6 6	
Chimney-fire penalties	31 15 –	
Attendance at ex-metropolitan fires	7 2 4	
Watching premises	500 5 –	
Subscriptions for telegraphic communication	10 – –	
		1,752 – 2
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
Further amounts, *re* loan of £1,250,000		38,709 2 2
THAMES FLOODS PREVENTION.		
Transfer from *General Working Account* in repayment of advances ...		– 3 4
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).		
Rent		1 – –
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Rent	11 10 6	
Peabody Donation Fund Trustees—		
Refund of amounts paid by the Board—		
Coram-street scheme £26 7 6		
Whitecross-street scheme ... ... 45 – –		
	71 7 6	
		82 18 –
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
Rent	8,237 12 8	
Loans—		
Interest £1,736 13 2		
Repayment 910 12 6		
	2,647 5 8	
Sales—		
Camberwell and Peckham ... ...£1,245 – –		
Clerkenwell-road ... ... 182 – –		
	1,427 – –	
Transfer from *Streets* (*Act of* 1877) *Account* in repayment of advances ...	12 1 4	
		12,323 19 8
Carried forward		£53,838 4 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		53,838 4 11
FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND.		
Dividend on £3,620 8s. 5d. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock		31 - 4
		£53,869 5 3

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £65,531 6s. 1d., be paid.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures, and for expenses of Shoring and Hoarding, and they recommend—

That the necessary Orders be made with respect to the same.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Hackney District Board, for payment of this Board's promised contribution towards effecting an Improvement at Nos. 221, 223, and 225, Mare-street, referred by the Board on the 12th instant (No. 33). The Board, on the 25th May last, agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £135, of carrying out the Improvement on the usual Certificates of their Officers. Such Certificates having been submitted to your Committee, stating that the Improvement has been completed at a cost, for the land acquired and added to the public way, of £270, your Committee recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £135, in favour of the District Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Fulham District Board, stating that they had completed the Improvement at Nos. 1 to 6 Ann's-terrace, Harwood-road, Fulham, and requesting payment of this Board's contribution, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 41.) The Board on the 10th August last (No. 8) agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £60, of the Improvement on the usual Certificates of their Officers. The necessary Certificates of the completion of the work, at a cost of £120, having been submitted to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £60, in favour of the District Board.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from the Fulham District Board, requesting payment of this Board's promised contributions towards the Improvements in the High-street, Fulham, and Crown-road and Fulham-palace-road. On the 6th July last (No. 9) this Board agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £805 of improving the entrance to the High-street, and on the 21st March last (No. 3) they also agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £87, of an Improvement at the corner of Crown-road and Fulham-palace-road, on the usual Certificates of their Superintending Architect and Accountant. Certificates that the works in question have been completed, at a cost respectively of £1,602 19s. 2d. and £157 2s. 10d., having been submitted to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £801 9s. 7d., in favour of the District Board, being one-half of the net cost of the Improvement in High-street, Fulham.

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £78 11s. 5d., in favour of the District Board, being one-half of the net cost of the Improvement in Crown-road and Fulham-palace-road.

The Fire Brigade Committee on the 26th June last, agreed to purchase of La France Fire Engine Company, Elmira, New York, certain tools and fittings for the use of the Fire Brigade, at a cost of 77 dols. 20 cents. The goods having been delivered, and the Account for the same having been duly certified, it is presented herewith, and your Committee recommend—

That the Accountant be authorised to instruct the Treasurer of the Board to pay to La France Fire Engine Company, Elmira, New York, the sum of 77 dols. 20 cents, for tools and fittings supplied to the Fire Brigade, and to debit the cost to the Board's Consolidated Cash Account.

Your Committee also recommend—

That the undermentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled—

Streets (*Act of* 1877).

No. 6219.	1883.	July 9.	J. P. Williams	£164	0	7
„ 6220	„	„	Mrs. B. M. M. Hayward	312	11	0
„ 6221	„	„	Mrs. A. L. Cooke	1,923	8	5
„ 6222	„	„	Fuller and Fuller	26	5	0
„ 6223	„	„	J. J. Hubbard, Son and Eve	5	5	0
„ 6240	„	„	Wyatt and Barraud	10	2	2

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
CHA$^{S.}$ HARRIS,
DONALD MUNRO,
JOHN TOLHURST.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
COULSON, STOKES AND Co.—(2307)—									
2852	Ironmongery, tools, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883—								
	Pumping-stations	£154	8	9					
	Gas-meter testing-houses	5	–	6					
	Offices, Spring-gardens	2	2	–					
					161	11	3		
RADFORD, D., AND Co.—(2299)—									
2853	Welsh coals, pumping stations, quarter to 30th September, 1883 ...				1,676	1	2		
GREEN, HOLLAND AND SONS—(2295)—									
2854	Tanfield-moor coals and coke, quarter to 30th September, 1883—								
	Pumping-stations	£687	19	11					
	Sluice-house, Deptford...	1	12	–					
					689	11	11		
SHAND, MASON AND Co.—(2294)—									
2855	Outlet stand-pipes for deodorising purposes, August, 1883 ...				8	5	–		
HUDSON, R.—(2296)—									
2856	Tipping-trucks for Crossness pumping-station, September, 1883 ...				35	–	–		
GARMAN, C. E.—(2297)—									
2857	Medical attendance on men at Abbey-mills pumping-station, half-year to 30th September, 1883				13	–	–		
GRIFFITHS, J. W.—(2298)—									
2858	Cleaning tubes, flues, &c., at Abbey Mills pumping-station, August, 1883				11	–	–		
STRAWSON, W.—(2300)—									
2859	Sweeping flues at Western pumping-station, August, 1883 ...				11	–	–		
MAIN, A. AND J., AND Co.—(2179)—									
2860	Wrought-iron railings for Finsbury-park, July, 1883				6	–	–		
BRANGWIN, F., AND Co.—(2178)—									
2861	Seats for Clapham-common, August, 1883				68	2	6		
EDWARDS, H. W.—(2180)—									
2862	Repairs to hurdles, Hackney Commons, January, 1882, to January, 1883				5	–	–		
MITCHELL, J.—(2181)—									
2863	Cleaning pedestal of statue, Victoria-embankment, August, 1883				5	–	–		
VESTRY CLERKS—(2301)—									
	Services in connection with census returns, 1881—								
2864	Bellamy, A. B. C., Streatham	£3	3	–					
2865	Millar, A., St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark ...	5	15	6					
2866	Voss, R., St. Matthew, Bethnal-green	9	19	6					
					18	18	–		
	Carried forward				£2,708	9	10	...	

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	2,708 9 10	...
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(2249)—			
2867	Shoring, hoarding, &c., Dangerous Structures	210 10 1	
DISTRICT SURVEYORS—(2250)—			
	Fees, *re* dangerous structures—		
2868	Badger, C. J.	£21 5 –	
2869	Blashill, T.	4 7 6	
2870	Carritt, E.	6 2 6	
2871	Clarkson, J.	5 10 –	
2872	Fletcher, B.	9 10 –	
2873	Fowler, C.	3 15 –	
2874	Grose, V. J.	10 15 –	
2875	Gundry, H.	2 7 6	
2876	Hammon, H. J.	6 5 –	
2877	Hammond, F.	2 7 6	
2878	Hansom, H. J.	4 5 –	
2879	Hayward, C. F.	6 5 –	
2880	Hewitt, E. R.	6 17 6	
2881	Jarvis, H.	6 2 6	
2882	Jennings, J.	3 7 6	
2883	Kerr, R.	7 1 3	
2884	Legg, H. S.	7 7 6	
2885	Markham, S. S.	10 10 –	
2886	Meeson, F. R.	3 – –	
2887	Notley, R. P.	9 5 –	
2888	Oliver, H.	5 5 –	
2889	Parsons, H.	2 10 –	
2890	Payne, A.	5 10 –	
2891	Plumbe, R.	2 10 –	
2892	Porter, F. W.	2 5 –	
2893	Redman, J. B.	4 17 6	
2894	Smith, T. R.	2 5 –	
2895	Stenning, A. R.	6 – –	
2896	Tanner, A. W.	5 10 –	
2897	Tolley, J.	2 7 6	
2898	Walker, R.	5 10 –	
2899	Wallen, F.	4 5 –	
2900	Whichcord, J.	3 10 –	
2901	Williams, T.	8 12 6	
2902	Woodthorpe, E.	9 – –	
2903	Woodward, J. A. J.	2 7 6	
		———	208 11 3
COMPENSATION FOR CATTLE SLAUGHTERED under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act—(2244)—			
2904	Benjamin, J.	£18 – –	
2905	Pullen, J.	9 15 –	
2906	Richards, Mrs. M. A.	67 10 –	
2907	Toms, F.	19 10 –	
2908	Williams, Miss M.	132 15 –	
2909	Salter, I. J.	96 – –	
2910	Curtis, E.	11 5 -	
2911	Mansfield, Mrs. S.	34 10 –	
2912	Jackson, H. L.	28 10 –	
2913	Yates, C. and Y.	21 12 6	
		———	439 7 6
COMPENSATION FOR SWINE SLAUGHTERED under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act—(2245)—			
2914	Fulford, J.	£17 5 –	
2915	Jacobs, G.	8 – –	
2916	Groves, W.	2 16 –	
		———	28 1 –
	Carried forward	£3,594 19 8	...

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	3,594 19 8	...
ELLIOTT BROTHERS—(2233)—			
2917	Surveying and drawing-instruments, &c., October, 1879, to January, 1883	4 6 6	
BROOKS, DAY AND SON—(2287)—			
2918	Lithography, July and August, 1883	38 16 –	
LEMERE, B., AND CO.—(2288)—			
2919	Photography, August, 1883	3 7 –	
WADESON, C. A.—(2243)—			
2920	Binding plans, &c., October, 1883	3 7 6	
ELLEN, F. S., late Assistant, Solicitor's Department—(2292)—			
2921	Salary from 26th September to 6th October, 1883	7 5 –	
KENNEDY, T., late Draughtsman—(2229)—			
2922	One-month's retiring allowance, due 26th October, 1883	8 17 10	
GAS for premises occupied by the Board—(2290)—			
2923	South Metropolitan Gas Co. £32 19 5		
2924	Commercial Gas Co. 8 9 11		
		41 9 4	
WATER for premises occupied by the Board—(2239)—			
2925	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co. £5 8 5		
2926	Chelsea Waterworks Co. 38 9 6		
2927	New River Co. ... ... 16 14 –		
		60 11 11	
MORTIS, W. J., Vestry Clerk, Eltham—(2231)—			
2928	Copy of rate-book required for report, *re* Pope-street drainage area, July, 1883	4 4 –	
HODGES AND SON—(2248)—			
2929	Short-hand notes, June to August, 1883...	11 11 –	
COPIES of Bills and Petitions in Parliament, Session, 1883—(2247)—			
2930	Baxters and Co. £31 2 2		
2931	Riddel, J. ... ... 3 3 –		
2932	Sherwood and Co.... ... ... 16 11 10		
2933	Rees, J. C. 5 17 10		
2934	Ball, J. C.... ... ... 3 – –		
2935	Remembrancer of City of London ... ... 5 11 –		
2936	Bircham and Co. 3 3 4		
2937	Wilson, Bristows and Carpmael 55 17 10		
2938	Wyatt, Hoskins and Hooker 66 12 2		
		190 19 2	
APPLEBY BROTHERS—(2232)—			
2939	Use of plant and materials in carrying out ventilating experiments at Plaistow, August, 1883, *re* Metropolitan District Railway ...	360 6 6	
			4,330 1 5

FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.

HORSE-HIRE for Engines, Hose-vans, &c., quarter ending 30th September, 1883—(2226)—			
1006	Arber, G.... ... ... £27 10 –		
1007	Atkins, A. ... ... 327 – –		
1008	Bridge, I.... ... ... 567 – –		
1009	Dickinson and Cooper ... ... 23 – –		
1010	Jenks, D.... ... ... 37 10 –		
1011	Murray, J. ... ... 165 15 –		
1012	Nightingale, H. W. ... ... 29 5 –		
1013	Puddefoot, G. ... ... 58 10 –		
1014	Smith, J. ... ... 37 10 –		
1015	Stapleton, R. ... ... 41 10 –		
	Carried forward ... ... £1,314 10 –	...	4,330 1

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	...	4,330 1 5
Horse-hire for engines, &c. (*continued*)—	... ... £1,314 10 –		
1016 Tilling, T...	995 – –		
1017 Williams, Mrs. S.	40 19 –		
1018 Wragg, E. J.	87 10 –		
		2,437 19 –	
Cater, Walker and Son—(2214)—			
1019 Repairs to float, August, 1883		294 18 6	
Fraser and Fraser—(2216)—			
1020 Repairs to floats, April to July, 1883		36 13 11	
Pfeil and Co.—(2212)—			
1021 Ironmongery, tools, &c., January to June, 1883		186 13 10	
Coulson, Stokes and Co.—(2218)—			
1022 Ironmongery, tools, &c., April to June, 1883		203 3 10	
Sax, J.—(2229)—			
1023 Electric-bells fixed at Bow and St. Luke's station, August, 1883 ...		128 1 6	
Moore, A.—(2217)—			
1024 Fire-plug, &c., indicators, August and September, 1883		164 17 11	
H.M. Postmaster-General—(2221)—			
1025 Hire of telegraph, &c., wires and instruments, quarter to 30th September, 1883		700 10 3	
Judd and Co.—(2141)—			
1026 Printing daily reports of fires, quarter to 30th September, 1883 ...		87 15 –	
Smith, Brothers—(2302 and 2303)—			
1027 On account of contract for repairs, &c., at Watling-street station (No. 651)		247 10 –	
1028 On account of contract for repairs, &c., at Waterloo-road station (No. 666)		196 – –	
Oldrey, W.—(2304 & 2220)—			
1029 On account of contract for repairs, &c, at Battersea station (No. 669)		148 10 –	
1030 Repairs and alterations at station, St. John's-wood, July and August, 1883		59 11 2	
Toms, E.—(2219)—			
1031 Repairs at station, Camden-town, March to June, 1883		11 10 8	
Greenwood, J. and J.—(2227)—			
1032 Repairs at station, Gomm-road, Rotherhithe, May, 1882		11 – –	
Milne, Sons and Macfie—(2228)—			
1033 Gas-fittings and materials, quarter to 30th June, 1883		10 17 1	
Pocock Brothers—(2149)—			
1034 Napoleon boots, September, 1883		2 10	
Woodard, M. N.—(2151)—			
1035 Counsel's fees, August and September, 1883		10 6 6	
Bader, C.—(2230)—			
1036 Fee for examining and reporting as to cause of loss of eyesight of W. Hudson, late fireman		2 2 –	
Shaw, Captain E. M., C.B.—(2222)—			
1037 Amounts paid by him for damages caused by escapes, floats, &c.—			
To Waldley, L. C.	£– 15 –		
„ Holmes, F.	1 – –		
„ Leftley, C.	2 10 –		
„ London General Omnibus Company ...	1 15 –		
„ Crossingham, A.	1 2 6		
„ Mills and Knight	13 11 –		
		20 13 6	
Carried forward ...	...£4,961 4 8		4,330 1 5

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	4,961 4 8	4,330 1 5
Brentford Gas Co.—(2224)—			
1038	Gas for station, Hammersmith	3 17 4	
Water for sundry Stations—(2225)—			
1039	Chelsea Water Co. ... ... £5 10 –		
1040	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co. ... ... 10 7 –		
1041	Lambeth Waterworks Co. ... ... 3 18 –		
1042	New River Co. 8 17 6		
		28 12 6	
			4,993 14 6
FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.			
Reading, C. W.—(2305)—			
1043	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Great Scotland-yard (No. 588)	700 – –	
Stimpson and Co.—(2306)—			
1044	Further on account of contract for additional works at Head-quarters Station (No. 627)	2,500 – –	
			3,200 – –
MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.			
Waddell, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—(2318)—			
1020	Further on account of contract for constructing sewers, &c., in Clapham, Battersea, Wandsworth and Putney (No. 614) ...	...	2,379 12 –
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.			
Mayo, R.—(2182)—			
36	On account of contract for forming footpath, Tooting Graveney-common (No. 658)	...	80 – –
STREETS (ACT OF 1877).			
Gas Light and Coke Company—(2308)—			
6504	Laying main and making connections, &c., Kentish-town-road improvement, May, 1883	83 17 5	
Pearson, W., Q.C.—(2235)—			
6505	Counsel's fees, November, 1882, to June, 1883, *re* Bellamy and Tylden (Piccadilly)	18 3 6	
			102 – 11
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).			
Mowlem, J., and Co.—(2315)—			
521	Cleansing, watering, and repairing bridges, Area A, quarter to Midsummer, 1883	475 19 1	
Williams, Son and Wallington—(2316)—			
522	Cleansing, watering, and repairing bridges, Area B, quarter to Midsummer, 1883	1,161 13 9	
Gas for bridges—(2291)—			
523	Brentford Gas Co. ... ... £50 – –		
524	Wandsworth and Putney Gas Co. 24 15 11		
		74 15 11	
			1,712 8 9
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.			
Paterson, Snow and Bloxam—(2312)—			
958	Half-year's rent of No. 254, Holborn (formerly used for Fire Brigade station, but now sub-let by the Board), due Michaelmas, 1883	16 10 –	
Water for premises occupied by weekly tenants of the Board—(2313 and 2314)—			
959	New River Co.	70 2 7	
960	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co. (per H. Baker)	2 5 –	
	Carried forward	£88 17 7	16,797 17 7

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	88 17 7	16,797 17 7
BANK OF ENGLAND—(2311)—		
961 One-quarter's dividend on £3 per cent Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, due 1st November, 1883	40,125 – –	
		40,213 17 7
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.		
NEW RIVER CO.—(2310)—		
1282 *General Working Account*—		
Repairs to hydrant, Victoria-embankment, June and July, 1883	8 15 1	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)—		
Altering main, Kentish-town-road improvement, April to June, 1883	293 14 9	
		302 9 1
BAYLEY, E. H., AND CO.—(2215)—		
1283 *Fire Brigade Working Account*—		
Repairing and maintaining escapes, quarter to 30th September, 1883	1,527 3 6	
Fire Brigade Capital Account—		
New escapes and watch-boxes for additional stations ...	267 19 6	
		1,795 3 –
METHOLD, T. T.—(2236)—		
1284 Counsel's fees, June to August, 1883—		
General Working Account	22 – –	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	66 5 –	
Parks and Open Spaces	5 10 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	12 3 6	
		105 18 6
HARRISON, W. E.—(2234)—		
1285 Counsel's fees, January to July, 1883—		
General Working Account	19 6 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	18 6 –	
		37 12 –
POWNALL, F.—(2237)—		
1286 Counsel's fees, June to August, 1883—		
General Working Account	5 10 –	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	4 14 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1872)	2 4 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	16 15 –	
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	12 8 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	2 9 6	
		44 1 6
ARKCOLL, C. S.—(2251)—		
1287 Counsel's fees, July, 1883—		
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	2 4 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	8 18 –	
		11 2 6
CHADWICK AND SONS—(2252)—		
1288 Charges for distraining for rent, February and May, 1883—		
Consolidated Loans Fund	10 14 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	4 5 6	
		15 – –
GAS LIGHT AND COKE CO.—(2238)—		
1289 Gas for premises occupied by the Board—		
General Working Account	331 9 6	
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)	220 7 11	
		551 17 5
PHILLIPS, J. AND J.—(2253)—		
1290 Fair-copying, stamps, &c., June, 1883—		
General Working Account	157 17 2	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	2 17 2	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	53 8 10	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	12 2 8	
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	15 8 10	
		241 14 8
Carried forward		£60,116 14 7

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward				60,116 14 7
TRANSFER TO WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—(2223)—					
Repayment of advances—					
1291	Petty disbursements, 1st to 13th October, 1883—				
	a General Working Account		£89 7 5		
	b Fire Brigade Working Account ...	£– 3 4			
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ...	1 2 7			
			1 5 11		
	c Streets (Act of 1877)...		– 15 7		
	d Bridges (Act of 1877)		1 9 –		
	e Thames Floods Prevention		3 18 8		
	f Parks and Open Spaces		– 11 4		
			£97 7 11		
	Weekly pensions, to 13th October, 1883—				
	g Fire Brigade Working Account		15 5 –		
	Compensation for loss sustained by flooding at the "Globe" Tavern, Rotherhithe—				
	h General Working Account		9 – –		
	Engraving shields, &c., for gas-holders at Board's testing-houses—				
	i General Working Account		1 – –		
	Funeral expenses of late fireman J. W. May—				
	j Fire Brigade Working Account		5 – –		
	Interest (less tax) on purchase-money, *re* Bradley (Putney) from 11th May to 3rd October, 1883—				
	k Bridges (Act of 1881)		1 3 4		
	Amount withdrawn—				
	l Firemen's Savings Fund		15 9 –		
	Compensation to weekly tenants on removal—				
	m Streets (Act of 1877)	£10 – –			
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund	2 – –			
			12 – –		
	Fire Insurance premiums for premises occupied or taken by the Board—				
	n General Working Account		– 13 6		
	o Fire Brigade Working Account		8 14 –		
	p Bridges (Act of 1877)		6 5 –		
	Gas for Deptford-creek Bridge—				
	q Bridges (Act of 1877)...		1 18 6		
			£173 16 3		
	Postages, 1st to 13th October, 1883—				
	r General Working Account ...	£33 – –			
	Fire Brigade Working Account ...	5 – –			
			38 – –		
					211 16 3
	Compensation for injuries sustained by O. Howe, through escape falling on him—				
	s Fire Brigade Working Account		£17 5 –		
	Compensation for injuries sustained by R. E. Smales through collision with fire-engine in Tooley-street—				
	t Fire Brigade Working Acccount		30 5 –		
	Expenses at fires, July and August, 1883—				
	u Fire Brigade Working Account		626 18 4		
	Renewal of license of the "Three Tuns" public-house Moor-street, Soho—				
	v Consolidated Loans Fund		25 5 3		
	Weekly wages, two weeks to 17th October, 1883—				
	w General Working Account ...£1,671 5 –				
	General Capital Account ... 6 6 –				
	Fire Brigade Working Account ... 3 17 –				
	Carried forward ...	£1,681 8 –	699 13 7	211 16 3	60,116 14 7

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward			...	...	60,116 14 7
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*) ...	£1,681 8 –	699 13 7	211 16 3		
Fire Brigade Capital Account ...	31 – –				
Main Drainage and Main Sewers...	119 3 –				
Parks and Open Spaces	6 6 –				
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	9 12 –				
Thames Floods Prevention ...	55 1 5				
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	22 4 –				
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)	22 4 –				
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	68 1 9				
Consolidated Loans Fund ...	21 15 –				
		2,036 15 2			
Firemen's wages, two weeks to 20th October, 1883—					
x Fire Brigade Working Account		2,013 12 1			
			4,750 – 10		
			4,961 17 1		
Amounts to be paid through the account—					
Bills, &c., for sums under £2—					
y General Working Account—					
Argent, E.—Hire of stalls, *re* Dairy Show	£1 1 –				
Symons, G. J.—Book on British rainfall	– 10 –				
Stone, J., and Co.—Pattern tide-flaps	1 15 6				
Great Western Railway Co.—Carriage of boiler, "Falcon" pumping-station	1 9 10				
Shepherd, Hill and Co.—Guide screw-nut, "Abbey Mills" P.S.	1 5 –				
Cripps, A. D.—Copies of documents	– 12 –				
District Surveyors — Dangerous structure fees	8 – –				
		14 13 4			
z Fire Brigade Working Account—					
Walters and Co.—Dating-machine	£1 13 6				
Potter, G. and Sons — Repairs, Hampstead station	1 12 7				
Morrison, Dr.—Professional charges, *re* accident in Tooley-street ...	1 1 –				
		4 7 1			
Rates and taxes for premises occupied by the Board or taken for improvements—					
aa General Working Account		27 19 8			
bb Fire Brigade Working Account		47 8 8			
cc Streets (*Act of* 1872)		152 17 –			
dd Dwelling House Improvement Fund		1 5 2			
ee Consolidated Loans Fund		202 3 9			
Gas for premises, No. 3, Moor-street, Soho—					
ff Consolidated Loans Fund		1 19 9			
			452 14 5		5,414 11 6
					£65,531 6 1

Certified,
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(*signed*) HENRY HARBEN,
G. B. RICHARDSON,
DONALD MUNRO,
JOHN TOLHURST,
THOS. J. WHITE,
CHAS. HARRIS.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £65,531 6s. 1d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, as specified in the Seven series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to G inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting, by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on Structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Badger, C. J.	14	21 5 –	...	...	21 5 –
2	Blashill, T.	5	4 7 6	...	...	4 7 6
3	Carritt, E.	7	6 2 6	...	...	6 2 6
4	Clarkson, J.	6	5 10 –	...	...	5 10 –
5	Drury, E. D....	2	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
6	Fletcher, B.	9	9 10 –	...	...	9 10 –
7	Foulsham, C.	2	1 15 –	...	...	1 15 –
8	Fowler, C.	5	3 15 –	...	...	3 15 –
9	Grose, V. J.	10	10 15 –	...	...	10 15 –
10	Gundry, H.	2	2 7 6	...	...	2 7 6
11	Hammon, H. J.	4	6 5 –	...	...	6 5 –
12	Hammond, F.	3	2 7 6	...	...	2 7 6
13	Hansom, H. J.	5	4 5 –	...	...	4 5 –
14	Hayward, C. F.	6	6 5 –	...	...	6 5 –
15	Hewitt, E. R.	7	6 17 6	...	...	6 17 6
16	Jarvis, H.	5	5 15 –	1	– 7 6	6 2 6
17	Jennings, J.	2	2 2 6	2	1 5 –	3 7 6
18	Kendall, H. E.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
19	Kerr, R.	6	7 1 3	...	...	7 1 3
20	Lansdown, G.	2	1 12 6	...	...	1 12 6
21	Legg, H. S.	7	7 7 6	...	...	7 7 6
22	McDonell, G.	2	1 7 6	...	...	1 7 6
23	Markham, S. S.	12	10 10 –	...	...	10 10 –
24	Meeson, F. R.	2	3 – –	...	...	3 – –
25	Notley, R. P.	9	9 5 –	...	...	9 5 –
26	Oliver, H.	4	4 15 –	1	– 10 –	5 5 –
27	Parsons, H.	2	1 5 –	2	1 5 –	2 10 –
28	Payne, A.	7	5 10 –	...	...	5 10 –
29	Plumbe, R.	3	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
30	Porter, F. W.	1	1 7 6	1	– 17 6	2 5 –
31	Redman, J. B.	4	4 17 6	...	...	4 17 6
32	Smith, T. R.	3	2 5 –	...	...	2 5 –
33	Stenning, A. R.	8	6 – –	...	...	6 – –
34	Tanner, A. W.	3	5 10 –	...	...	5 10 –
35	Tolley, J.	2	2 7 6	...	...	2 7 6
36	Turner, J. G.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
37	Walker, R.	2	5 10 –	...	...	5 10 –
38	Wallen, F.	5	4 5 –	...	...	4 5 –
39	Whichcord, J.	2	3 10 –	...	...	3 10 –
40	Williams, T.	4	8 12 6	...	...	8 12 6
41	Woodthorpe, E.	14	9 – –	...	...	9 – –
42	Woodward, J. A. J.	2	2 7 6	...	...	2 7 6
		203	212 6 3	7	4 5 –	216 11 3

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned expenses, incident to shoring and hoarding Dangerous Structures, under the Metropolitan Building Acts, 1855 and 1869, be charged to the Owners of the respective properties, together with other expenses affecting the same, and be recovered according to law.

Case No.	Premises.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
27,007	140, Tooley-street, Southwark	74 8 5
27,155	23, Whitcomb-street, St. Martin-in-the-Fields	33 18 1
27,166	21, „ „	22 17 5
27,603	97, High-street, Homerton	12 16 7
27,668-9	Party-wall between 78, Bankside and premises of Hydraulic Power Company	2 1 10
27,702	141, Tooley-street, Southwark	10 5 5
27,718	25½, Baltic-street, St. Luke's	6 1 4
27,743 & 54	Party-wall between 34, Haydon-street and 39, Minories	4 11 2
27,766	241, High-street, Poplar	2 18 8
27,767	243, „ „	2 18 8
27,872	1, Ann's-place, "Trundley-lane," Deptford	2 7 1
27,873	2, „ „ „	6 19 2
27,973	7, Weatherall-road, Hackney	1 11 4
27,974	8, „ „	1 14 8
27,985	Empty house, corner of Frazier-street, Lambeth	12 11 –
27,999&28,000	6 and 7, Eaton-street, Lambeth	– 15 –
28,010	1, Goodson-road, Deptford	5 1 3
28,031	40, „ „	2 13 8
28,032	42, „ „	1 9 8
28,137	16, Ann-street, Bromley	2 – 2
28,238	32, Sophia-street, Poplar	– 9 6
		210 10 1

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £135, in favour of the Hackney District Board, being the amount of this Board's promised contribution towards the cost of effecting an Improvement at Nos. 221, 223 and 225, Mare-street, Hackney; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £60, in favour of the Fulham District Board, being the amount of this Board's promised contribution towards the cost of effecting an Improvement at Nos. 1 to 6, Ann's-terrace, Harwood-road, Fulham.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £801 9s. 7d., in favour of the Fulham District Board, being one-half of the net cost, as agreed to be contributed by this Board, of effecting an Improvement in High-street, Fulham.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £78 11s. 5d., in favour of the Fulham District Board, being one-half of the net cost, as agreed to be contributed by this Board, of effecting an Improvement in Crown-road and Fulham-palace-road.

A Cheque for the sum of £940 1s. was thereupon drawn on the General Capital Account.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Accountant be authorised to instruct the Treasurer of the Board to pay to La France Fire Engine Company, Elmira, New York, the sum of 77 dols. 20 cents, for tools and fittings supplied to the Fire Brigade, and to debit the cost to the Board's Consolidated Cash Account.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be now cancelled—

Streets (*Act of* 1877).

No. 6219.	1883.	July 9.	J. P. Williams	£164	0	7
,, 6220	,,	,,	Mrs. B. M. M. Hayward... ...	312	11	0
,, 6221	,,	,,	Mrs. A. L. Cooke	1,923	8	5
,, 6222	,,	,,	Fuller and Fuller	26	5	0
,, 6223	,,	,,	J. J. Hubbard, Son and Eve ...	5	5	0
,, 6240	,,	,,	Wyatt and Barraud	10	2	2

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

7. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 22nd October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

Streets (*Act of* 1872.)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lee, Bolton, and Lee—(2276, 2277 and 2278)—		
4816 Steward's Fee for enrolment of Conveyances—		
Re Paddon's Trustees (Harrow-road) ...	7 10 –	
,, Webb and Hickman (Harrow-road) ...	7 10 –	
,, Blackwell (Harrow-road)	7 10 –	
		22 10 –
Streets (*Act of* 1877.)		
Re St. George and others (Tooley-street)—(2254)—		
Porter, F. W.—		
6487 One-year's Rent of No. 61, Hickman's Folly, and No. 1, Little London-street, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)...	19 11 8	
Re Harrigan (Gray's-inn-road)—(2255)—		
Foster, W.—		
6488 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10 10 6	
Re Salamans (Piccadilly)—(2256)		
Emanuel, J., and Co.—		
6489 Costs of Title and Conveyance	33 – –	
Re Myers (Piccadilly)—(2257)—		
Walker, W.—		
6490 Costs of Title and Conveyance	7 9 2	
Re Erskine Building Society (Gray's-inn-road)—(2258)—		
Goldring, C. E.		
6491 Costs incidental to Assignment	5 5 –	
Re Collins's Executors (Gray's-inn-road)—(2259)—		
Ruddle, W. E.		
6492 Interest (less Tax) on Purchase-money from Lady-day to 10th October, 1883, less rent of houses in Verulam-street, to Lady-day, 1883	5 3 1	
Carried forward	£80 19 5	22 10 –

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	80 19 5	22 10 –
Re Johnston (Gray's-inn-road)—(2260)—		
Janson, Cobb and Pearson—		
6493 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	32 14 7	
Re Price and Foster (Gray's-inn-road)—(2286 and 2261)—		
Foster, W.—		
6494 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	81 12 11	
6495 Proportion of tenant's rent of No. 6, Queen's Head-court, from Midsummer to 17th October, 1883 (less Tax)	5 17 3	
Re Curonico (Piccadilly)—(2262)—		
Merriman, A. P.—		
6496 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	8 15 6	
Re 22nd Middlesex Rifle Volunteers (Gray's-inn-road)—(2263)—		
Alt, Lieut-Col. W. J.—		
6497 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 2, King's-head-court, and Yearly tenancy in Drill-shed in King's-head-court	500 – –	
Barnard and Co.—		
6498 Solicitor's Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	21 – –	
Isaacs and Florence—		
6499 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	15 15 –	
Compensation to Tenants on removal, as per Order of Committee—		
6500 Pelham, Mrs. A. (Piccadilly)—(2264)—		
No. 27, Denman-street	20 – –	
6501 Stuart, G. (Piccadilly)—(2265)—		
Cooper's-court	50 – –	
6502 Hever, R. (Peckham)—(2266)—		
No. 29, Queen's-road	30 – –	
6503 Evans, C. H. (Jamaica-road)—(2267)—		
No. 81, Jamaica-road	50 – –	
	———	896 14 8
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Knight—(2268—		
Allen and Son—		
30 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.		13 16 –
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).		
Re Bradley (Putney)—(2269)—		
Bradley, Mrs. S.—		
517 Compensation for removal from No. 4, Windsor-road		15 – –
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Ellis (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2270)—		
Ellis, R., and Son—		
4987 Costs of Arbitration	19 19 –	
Carried forward	£19 19 –	948 – 8

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	19 19 -	948 - 8
Re White (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2271)—		
Oxley, F.—		
4988 Costs of Title and Conveyance ... £25 - -		
Interest on Purchase-money, from 1st March to 16th August, 1883 (less Tax) ... ... 2 14 -		
	27 14 -	
Re The Boys' Refuge (Goulston-street)—(2272)—		
Hanbury, Hutton and Whitting—		
4989 Costs of Title, Conveyance and exchange ...	50 - -	
Re Dangerfield (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2273)—		
Bank of England, for Chancery—		
4990 Purchase-money for Fee-simple in vacant land in Robin-hood-lane	60 - -	
Woodward, J. A. J.—(2274)—		
4991 Surveyor's charges in respect of Nos. 147 and 148, High-street, Whitechapel, (Goulston-street)	25 - -	
Reid, R.—(2275)--		
4992 Charges in respect of Sales by Auction of Freehold sites (Bowman's-buildings, Essex-road, and Goulston-street Schemes), April to June, 1883	261 9 1	
		444 2 1
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Cox's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(2280)—		
Rogers, Mrs. J. M.—		
952 One-quarter's rent of Nos. 7 and 8, Angel-court, due Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)... ...	24 9 7	
Re Ellison (Kentish-town-road)—(2281)—		
Lloyd, E.—		
953 Proportion of tenant's rent in respect of No. 70, Kentish-town-road, from Lady-day to 12th October, 1883, less proportion of Ground-rent (less Tax)...	28 13 10	
Re Rees (Piccadilly)—(2282) —		
Rees, Jno.—		
954 One-quarter's rent of No. 25, King-street, Soho, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)	31 16 5	
Re Hudson (Piccadilly)—(2283)—		
Hudson, W.—		
955 One-quarter's rent of No. 9, King-street, Soho, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)	24 9 7	
Re Smirke's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2284)—		
Beck, R. C. A.—		
956 Proportion of rents (less Ground-rent) of Nos. 7 and 8, Bloomsbury-street, from Michaelmas to 8th October, 1883, and of Insurance Premium (less Tax)	3 12 3	
Carried forward	£113 1 8	1,392 2 9

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	113 1 8	1,392 2 9
Stimson, E.—(2285)—		
957 Auctioneer's charges in respect of Sales of property, April to June, 1883—		
Jamaica-road ... £61 16 –		
Camberwell and Peckham 182 14 6		
	244 10 6	
		357 12 2
		£1,749 14 11

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand longer than Three months—

Bridges (*Act of* 1881).

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Leach Brothers (Putney)—(1043)—		
Leach, W., Leach, J. H., and Leach, T. I.—		
518 Purchase-money ... ... £518 – –		
519 Compensation ... ... 832 – –		
	1,350 – –	
Klenck, J. M.—		
520 Surveyor's Fee	26 5 –	
		1,376 5 –

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

Re Burnell (Goulston-street)—(2319—1881)—	
4993 Burnell, G.—Purchase-money	10 – –
	£1,386 5 –

Your Committee have further to report that they have cancelled the Cheque No. 4,974, drawn on the 8th instant on the Dwelling House Improvement Fund, for £160, in favour of Mr. R. Westhorp, and have drawn one in lieu thereof (No. 4,994) for the same sum in favour of T. Westhorp, Mrs. R. Westhorp, W. Westhorp, Mrs. L. C. Westhorp, J. J. Vickers, Mrs. F. S. Vickers, W. Hudson, and Mrs. A. R. Hudson, per J. W. Marsh.

Your Committee have also to report that, acting upon the reference made to them on the 20th July last (No. 33), they have considered the question of the preparation of any further Schemes under the Artizans' and Labours' Dwellings Acts, with a view to legislation in the next Session of Parliament. The Schemes already sanctioned are eighteen in number and these are either completed or in various stages of progress. A Sub-Committee have again inspected the unhealthy areas which appeared most urgently to require the application of the Acts; and, after carefully considering the circumstances of each case, your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that it is not expedient that any Schemes should be prepared by the Board with a view to legislation in the ensuing Session. It will be remembered that an amending Act was passed in 1882, and that four new Schemes were prepared by the Board in accordance with its provisions. These Schemes only became law at the close of the last Session, and your Committee think that it would be premature to take any further action until some experience has been obtained as to the working of the provisions of the amending Act. They therefore recommend—

That no further schemes be deposited until the Board shall have had some experience of the working of that Act.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 28th September last (No. 53), from the Hon. Sir A. F. O. Liddell, Home Office, transmitting copies of three Representations made by the Medical Officer

of Health for the Greenwich District to this Board, in reference to certain areas situated in the Parish of Greenwich, which should be dealt with under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and asking for this Board's observations thereon. The Representations which are the subject of the Letter relate to three sites in the neighbourhood of Bridge-street, Greenwich, which are so closely connected as to form practically one area. A Scheme for an unhealthy site adjoining Trafalgar-road, Greenwich, was sanctioned by Parliament in the last Session, and, under these circumstances, it was decided to postpone, for the present, the consideration of the three Representations referred to by Sir A. Liddell, as being of less pressing importance than several others which have been received from Medical Officers. Your Committee recommend—

That a Letter to this effect be sent to the Home Secretary in reply to his communication.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 28th September last (No. 54), from the Hon. Sir A. F. O. Liddell, Home Office, transmitting a copy of a Letter from the Vestry of St. George-in-the-East, relative to certain areas in the Parish which had been represented as unhealthy and requiring improvement under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, but which the Board had decided to be too small for dealing with under those Acts, and asking for the Board's observations thereon. The two areas which are referred to in the Letter are small and isolated, containing only 28 and 54 houses respectively, and the Board, on the 6th August, 1880, decided that no Schemes should be prepared for their improvement. A Scheme for another area in the Parish of St. George-in-the-East was deposited by the Board with a view to legislation in the last Session, and it has received the sanction of the Legislature. Your Committee see no reason for varying the Resolution already arrived at by the Board in respect of these two areas, and they recommend—

That the Home Secretary be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 28th September last (No. 55), from Dr. Bianchi, Medical Officer of Health for the St. Saviour's District, making an Official Representation as to the unhealthy condition of an area in Red-cross-place, and the necessity for an Improvement Scheme. This Official Representation relates to a single Court, known as Red-cross-place, and the Plan submitted by the Medical Officer indicates that only 29 houses are comprised in the unhealthy area. Your Committee are of opinion that the area in question is too limited in size to be within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means, and they recommend—

That Dr. Bianchi be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 28th ultimo (No. 91), from Dr. Waterworth, Medical Officer of Health of St. George's, Southwark, forwarding four Official Representations under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Improvement Act, with respect to unhealthy areas in the Parish. The four sites which are the subject of these Representations are small and detached areas which cannot readily be adapted for the purposes of Schemes under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts. The condition of two of them was considered by the Board in 1876, and the localities were then viewed by a Sub-Committee, but the Board did not at that time think that any action was necessary in the matter. Your Committee are of opinion that each of the four sites is too small in extent to come within the scope of the Acts, and should be dealt with by some other means, and they recommend—

That Dr. Waterworth be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have also to report that they have had under consideration an Official Representation by Dr. Dixon, Medical Officer of Health for Bermondsey, referred by the Board on the 27th September, 1878 (No. 74), as to an area in the neighbourhood of Salisbury-place and Foxlow-street. This area originally comprised 130 houses in the neighbourhood of Salisbury-place and Foxlow-street, and the Representation by the

Medical Officer, dated 15th July, 1878, described the houses as badly constructed and overcrowded. In January, 1879, however, the Medical Officer stated in reply to the usual questions which were addressed to him, that none of the houses were so bad as to be unfit for human habitation, and also that many dwellings had been pulled down by the owners as not worth repairing, and that part of the ground was at that time vacant. The site was viewed by a Sub-Committee on the 12th August, 1880. Your Committee recommend—

> That Dr. Dixon be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the area in question does not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered an Official Representation by the Medical Officer of Health for Bermondsey, referred by the Board on the 17th December, 1875 (No. 2). This is an area in the neighbourhood of Snow's-fields, containing 194 houses, with an estimated population of 1,145. A Sub-Committee, upon a second inspection of the locality, found that many changes had taken place in the unhealthy area, several houses having been pulled down for the erection of a Board School, and that the present Medical Officer estimated that the population had decreased by about 100. Your Committee think that a certain portion of this area might be dealt with by the Sanitary authorities, and that it does not require the application of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts. Other parts, however, appear to be within the scope of the Acts, and should, in the opinion of your Committee, be again considered at some future time, with a view to the preparation of a Scheme for their improvement. Your Committee recommend—

> That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to submit an amended Representation, comprising only such portions of the area as cannot be dealt with by the local sanitary authorities.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Official Representations, referred to them on the 27th September, 1878 (No. 74) from the Medical Officer for Lambeth, relative to three areas near Salutation-place, Hooper-street, and John-street (now Doon-street) respectively. Each of these localities has been inspected by a Sub-Committee, and your Committee concur in the opinion at which they have arrived, that the three areas in question are not within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, but should be dealt with by other means. The first, or Salutation-place, area comprises only 40 houses, and is too limited in extent for the application of the Acts. The second area, including Hooper-street and Apollo-buildings, is of greater extent, but cannot conveniently be dealt with except by a street improvement Scheme, the arrangement of the houses being ill-adapted for the operation of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts. As regards the third area, comprising John-street (now Doon-street) with Bond-court, and some neighbouring property, the present Medical Officer for Lambeth has recently reported that, after a careful inspection he did not find any houses to be absolutely unwholesome or unfit for habitation. Dr. Verdon also stated that the area was well drained, well ventilated, and well supplied with water. Under these circumstances your Committee recommend—

> That Dr. Verdon, Medical Officer of Health for Lambeth, be informed, with reference to the Official Representations from Dr. Farr, as to three areas, viz.: Salutation-place, Hooper-street, and John-street (now Doon-street) respectively, that, in the opinion of the Board, the areas in question do not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered an Official Representation by Dr. Sutton, Medical Officer of Health for Shoreditch, referred by the Board on the 17th November, 1882 (No. 35), as to an area between High-street and Boundary-street. The site comprises only 29 houses, and is too limited in size to be within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts. An unhealthy area of this small extent could, in the opinion of your Committee, be dealt with by the Vestry under Torrens' Acts, or by some other means, and should not have been made the subject of

an Official Representation to this Board by the Medical Officer. Your Committee recommend—

That Dr. Sutton be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered an Official Representation by Dr. Pink, Medical Officer of Health for Greenwich, referred by the Board on the 20th July, 1877 (No. 53), as to an area near Hughes-fields, Deptford, comprising about 15½ acres of land. A Sub-Committee has three times inspected the locality, and has repeatedly had under consideration the question of its condition and requirements. On the 31st July last the Medical Officer submitted an amended Representation, which was further modified by him on the 16th September. The present Plan shows a greatly reduced area, and is accompanied by statistics from which it appears that it includes 479 houses, with a population of 3,700. The Medical Officer states that 222 houses are totally unfit for habitation, and that epidemic diseases are especially prevalent within the area. The Sub-Committee have again inspected every portion of the site, but they are unable to adopt the view taken by the Medical Officer that its sanitary defects cannot be remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme. The Sub-Committee found the condition of the area to be unsatisfactory as regards the cleansing and paving, but they are of opinion that such defects should be dealt with by the local sanitary authority, and not by the application of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts. Your Committee concur in this view, and they accordingly recommend—

That Dr. Pink be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the area in question is not within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, but should be dealt with by some other means; and that the attention of the local sanitary authority be directed to the condition of the area.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered an Official Representation by Dr. Rogers, Medical Officer of Health for Limehouse, referred by the Board on the 23rd May, 1879 (No. 32) as to an area near Nightingale-lane, Limehouse. The population of the area has somewhat diminished since the date of the Representation, being now estimated at 602. A Sub-Committee, after twice inspecting the locality, have arrived at the conclusion that the sanitary defects which undoubtedly exist within the area can be to a great extent remedied by the local authority of the district; and that it is not a case in which the Board can be advised to apply the provisions of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts. Your Committee recommend—

That Dr. Rogers be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the area in question is not within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, but should be dealt with by some other means; and that the attention of the local sanitary authority be directed to the condition of the locality.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered an Official Representation by Dr. Liddle, Medical Officer for Whitechapel, referred by the Board on the 28th September, 1877 (No. 54), with reference to an area in the neighbourhood of Bell-lane and Wentworth-street. The population at the present time is 2,106 as against 2,307 at the date of the Representation, and the number of rooms is stated to be 1,257. The area comprises some courts and alleys of the lowest class, and the inhabitants are greatly overcrowded, the space afforded being upon an average about 8½ square yards to each person. As, however, the site is adjacent to the property comprised in the Goulston-street and Flower-and-Dean-street Schemes, and as a large number of occupiers have been removed for improvements in the neighbourhood, your Committee think it inexpedient to take any action in the matter at the present time. They are of opinion that some portions of the area might be greatly improved by action on the part of the local sanitary authority; and they have accordingly adjourned the consideration of the matter until next year. They recommend—

That Dr. Liddle be informed to the above effect, and that the attention of the local sanitary authority be directed to the condition of the portions of the area above alluded to.

Your Committee beg to recommend—

That, in compliance with the provisions of the 8th Section of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, 1875, a copy of each of the above-mentioned Official Representations, upon which no action is to be taken, be forwarded to the Home Secretary, together with a statement of the Board's reasons for not acting upon them.

Your Committee have proceeded on the Resolution of the Board of the 5th instant (No. 30), referring it to them to consider and report upon the desirability of applying to Parliament, in the next Session, for powers to prepare and submit to the Legislature a scheme for dealing with the Water supply of the Metropolis, with authority to confer with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the subject. Your Committee have taken the advice of your Solicitor as to the best course to adopt, and, after giving the subject very full and earnest consideration, they have arrived at the conclusion that it is desirable that steps should be taken to remove the disability under which the Board are at present placed in relation to the Water supply. They beg to recommend—

That a Bill be prepared for that purpose, and that the necessary Gazette Notices be given.

Your Committee have also to report that they have proceeded upon the following Resolutions of the Board of the 13th July last, (No. 14)—

"That the Board do proceed to obtain power, in the next Session of Parliament, to construct "communications across the Thames, East of London Bridge; to widen Parliament-street; and "to improve the approaches to the Law Courts; and that, for the purpose of carrying out the "same, Parliament, through Her Majesty's Government, be asked to sanction the extension of "the Coal and Wine Duties.

"That it be referred back to the Committee to take such steps as may be necessary, with a "view to giving effect to the foregoing Resolution."

Your Committee have also considered the various Memorials and Letters on the subject, which the Board have referred to them from time to time. In their former Report on this subject your Committee specified no particular form of communication, leaving that part of the question for further consideration. Schemes have been submitted by your Engineer both for Subways and Bridges, and your Committee were not without hope that they might feel justified in recommending the Board to undertake more than one permanent communication. Under present circumstances, however, they have arrived at the conclusion, after mature consideration, that it is desirable for the Board to confine themselves to a single Tunnel, and they accordingly instructed your Engineer to report to them what site he would advise for a Subway in the event of its being considered desirable to have but one. Your Engineer accordingly presented a Report to your Committee, in which he advised the construction of a Subway at a point near Nightingale-lane, between the London and St. Katharine's Docks, on the Middlesex side, and Dockhead on the Surrey side. This would be about one mile below London Bridge. Its Northern approach would commence at Upper East Smithfield, opposite Dock-street, and the Northern traffic from Commercial-street, Whitechapel-road and Commercial-road, would have direct communication with it. The Eastern traffic would have direct communication from Shadwell, along High-street and St. George's-street, whilst the Western traffic would pass from the new street now being formed, and its extension to the Minories, along Upper East Smithfield. On the South side direct communication would be formed from the Tooley-street Improvement and Jamaica-road. For all traffic coming from the West of the London Docks, and going South or South-East, it would form the shortest route. The cost of this Tunnel is estimated at £1,390,000, including the purchase of property. The gradient of the Northern approach to the Subway would be, for a length of 560 yards, 1 in 25, but it should be pointed out that the cost of the Scheme is about £500,000 less than that of any other Tunnel that has been suggested, and that the approach to it is considerably nearer to the River. On the Surrey side the gradient would be 1 in 30, and the approach would terminate with two branches, one connected

with Tooley-street and the other with Jamaica-road. The width of the carriage-way through the Tunnel under the River would be 32 feet, with a head-way of 16 feet in the centre, and the width of the foot-way would be 12 feet. Your Committee having given very careful attention to this important question, are of opinion that the site recommended by your Engineer offers, on the whole, the greatest advantages, and they therefore recommend—

> That the Board do proceed to Parliament, during the next Session, for powers to construct a Tunnel under the River, from a point near Nightingale-lane, Wapping, to Bermondsey, as recommended by the Engineer.

The importance of further communication lower down the River has not escaped the attention of your Committee, and though they do not feel themselves in a position to recommend the Board to undertake the formation of an additional Tunnel or Tunnels, they think that the traffic could, for the present, be accommodated by Steam Ferries, and that it is the duty of the Board to supply such accommodation. The prime cost of establishing two of such Ferries is estimated at £200,000, and the annual expenditure, which would vary according to the amount of traffic, at £16,000. Your Committee recommend—

> That the Board do also proceed to Parliament, in the next Session, for power to construct such Steam Ferries at lower parts of the River Thames, as may, in the opinion of the Board, be necessary.

In their Report, presented to the Board on the 13th July last, your Committee recommended the Board to apply to Parliament for power to widen Parliament-street and improve the approaches to the Law Courts. The Board resolved to adopt that course, and it was referred to your Committee to take the necessary steps for giving effect to the Resolution. Your Committee, however, having again directed their attention to the matter,have now to report that, in consequence of the receipt of the Letter from the Treasury on the subject of the Coal and Wine Duties, they do not consider it advisable, at present, to proceed further upon the reference.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 15th June last (No. 51), from the Lambeth Waterworks Company, stating, in reply to the Board's enquiry, that they cannot undertake to fix Hydrants of the present pattern complete, and to the satisfaction of the Board, at a less cost than £11 each, including the re-instatement of the road-way surface, except in cases where the Hydrants are fixed in Asphalte, when there would be an additional charge of £2 each. In May last your Committee had under consideration a Letter from the Company, relative to alleged delay in the checking and settling of their Accounts for Hydrants fixed in their District, and your Committee, in reporting to the Board upon the subject, expressed the opinion that the best arrangement would be for the Board to pay a fixed price, based upon the average cost of the Hydrants already fixed, for each Hydrant. The Board adopted that view, and communicated with the Company accordingly. Your Committee have received from your Engineer a Report on the Company's present Letter, from which it appears that the sum asked is far in excess of the average cost of Hydrants fixed in other Companies' Districts, and, under the circumstances, your Committee are of opinion that it is advisable for the Board to wait for further experience before agreeing to pay either £11 or £13 for each Hydrant as asked for by the Company, and they recommend the Board to adopt that view.

The Board on the 12th instant, on the recommendation of your Committee, passed a Resolution authorising an application to be made to Parliament in the Session of 1884, to extend the time for the exercise of the Board's powers under the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act, 1877, in respect of the Western Improvements, the Southwark-bridge-road and Great Dover-street communication, and the Gray's inn-road Improvement, North of the Clerkenwell-road. Your Committee have now to recommend—

That it be referred to the Parliamentary Committee to take the necessary steps for carrying the above-mentioned Resolution into effect.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) W. R. SELWAY,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. H. DALTON,
JOHN RUNTZ,
HENRY HARBEN,
DONALD MUNRO,
WM. SHEPHERD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
WM. DEBENHAM,
JOHN ROBERT JOLLY,
GEO. HILL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, in view of the fact that the Board are proceeding to carry out four new Schemes under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Amendment Act, 1882, they are of opinion that it is undesirable, until they shall have had some experience of the working of that Act, that any further Schemes should be deposited by them.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Home Secretary be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board have postponed the consideration of the three Official Representations from the Medical Officer for Greenwich, to which his Letter relates, as being in their judgment less urgent than other Representations which have been received from Medical Officers.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Home Secretary be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board see no reason to depart from their opinion, already expressed, that the unhealthy areas near London-terrace and Perseverance-place, St. George-in-the-East, are too limited in size to be within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Dr. Bianchi, Medical Officer of Health for the St. Saviour's District, be informed, in reply to his Letter, making an Official Representation as to an area in Red Cross-place, that, in the opinion of the Board, the area does not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Dr. Waterworth, Medical Officer of Health for St. George's, Southwark, be informed, in reply to his Letter forwarding four Official Representations as to unhealthy areas in the Parish, that, in the opinion of the Board, the areas do not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Dr. Dixon, Medical Officer of Health for Bermondsey, be informed, in reply to his Official Representation as to an area in the neighbourhood of Salisbury-place and Foxlow-street, that, in the opinion of the Board, the area does not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Dr. Dixon, Medical Officer of Health for Bermondsey, be requested to submit an amended Representation for the unhealthy area near Snow's-fields, comprising only such portions of the area as cannot be dealt with by the local sanitary authorities.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Dr. Verdon, Medical Officer of Health for Lambeth, be informed, with reference to the Official Representa-

tions from Dr. Farr, as to three areas, viz., Salutation-place, Hooper-street, and John-street (now Doon-street) respectively, that, in the opinion of the Board those areas do not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, and should be dealt with by other means.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Dr. Sutton, Medical Officer of Health for Shoreditch, be informed, in reply to his Official Representation as to an area between High-street and Boundary-street, that, in the opinion of the Board, the area does not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Dr. Pink, Medical Officer of Health for Greenwich, be informed, in reply to his Official Representations as to an area near Hughes-fields, Deptford, that, in the opinion of the Board, the area does not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means; and that the attention of the Local sanitary authority be directed to the condition of the area.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Dr. Rogers, Medical Officer of Health for Limehouse, be informed, in reply to his Official Representation as to an area near Nightingale-lane, Limehouse, that, in the opinion of the Board, the area does not come within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, and should be dealt with by other means; and that the attention of the Local sanitary authority be directed to the condition of the locality.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded and resolved—That Dr. Liddle, Medical Officer for Whitechapel, be informed, in reply to his Official Representation as to an area near Bell-lane and Wentworth-street, that, for certain reasons, the Board have adjourned the consideration of the same until next year; and that the attention of the Local sanitary authority be directed to the condition of some portions of the area.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, in compliance with the provisions of the 8th Section of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, 1875, a copy of each of the Official Representations, referred to in the foregoing Resolutions, upon which no action is to be taken, be forwarded to the Home Secretary, together with a Statement of the Board's reasons for not acting upon such Representations.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the consideration of the remainder of the Report of the Committee be deferred until the matter of Disagreement between Mr. H. Parsons, District Surveyor; and Messrs. Lee and Tregelles, relative to the construction of a staircase at the new Day Room at Stockwell College, notice of which appears in the Paper of business, and which has been fixed for consideration at One o'clock this day, shall have been disposed of.

8. The Board then proceeded to consider the matter of Disagreement between Mr. H. Parsons, District Surveyor for the District of the Southern Division of Lambeth, and part of Camberwell, and Messrs. Lee and Tregelles, relative to the construction of a staircase at the new Day Room at the Stockwell Training College, at Lambeth.

Mr. Tregelles and Mr. Parsons attended the Board.

Read a Report, as follows—

Metropolitan Board of Works,
Superintending Architect's Department,
Spring-gardens,
October 24th, 1883.

Metropolitan Building Act, Sec. 30.

In the Matter of a Disagreement between Mr. Henry Parsons, District Surveyor for Lambeth, and part of Camberwell, and Messrs. Lee and Tregelles, with reference to the construction of a staircase to Dormitories at Stockwell College, Lambeth. 32,893.

It is proposed in this case to construct the staircase in question of teak, which is objected to by the District Surveyor, that material not being, in his opinion, a fire-proof material, as required by the 22nd Section of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855.

The Board has, on more than one occasion, approved of teak for the construction of staircases in public buildings, and I apprehend that there would be no objection to the use of teak in the present instance.

The only points to which I think it necessary to call attention are what appears to me to be the insufficient width of the staircase, which is only three feet three inches wide, and the fact that the staircase has winders.

(Signed) GEORGE VULLIAMY,
Superintending Architect.

Mr. Tregelles and Mr. Parsons addressed the Board.

The Board having considered the Report of the Superintending Architect, and the statements made by Mr. Tregelles and Mr. Parsons, and all the facts of the case,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the Report of the Superintending Architect be adopted, and that an Order be made in accordance therewith.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Fowler, and seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders—That the material proposed to be used for the construction of the staircase be approved.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 7, against it 13; and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

A further amendment was then moved by Mr. Freeman, and seconded by Mr. Ewin—That the material proposed to be used for the construction of the staircase be approved, and that the width of the staircase be increased to four feet, and the winders removed.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was thereupon resolved and ordered, as follows—

Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, *Section* 30.

Whereas a Disagreement arose between Mr. Henry Parsons, District Surveyor for the District of Saint Mary, Lambeth, and part of Camberwell, and Messrs. Lee and Tregelles, Architects and Surveyors of No. 33 Finsbury-circus, with respect to the material to be used in the construction of a portion of a Public Building, that is to say, the staircase of the Stockwell Training College, situated in Stockwell-road, Lambeth, within the District aforesaid, and it was alleged by the District Surveyor that the material proposed to be used in the construction of the said staircase was such a material as could not be approved by him. And whereas the Architects of the said building have insisted to the contrary, and the Metropolitan Board of Works have been applied to, pursuant to the 30th Section of the said Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, to determine the matter in difference. And whereas the said parties have appeared before, and have been heard by this Board on the said matter. Now, this Board, having duly considered the allegations of the said parties respectively, and all that has been stated and proved before them in relation to the said matter of Disagreement, do, in exercise of the powers vested in them by the said Metropolitan Building Act, hereby order and direct that the staircase in question be constructed of teak, that the winders in the staircase be removed, and that the width of the staircase be increased to four feet.

9. The Board resumed the consideration of the Report of the Works and General Purposes Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Bill be prepared to remove the disability under which the Board are placed in relation to the Water supply of the Metropolis, and that the necessary *Gazette* Notices be given.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Parliamentary Committee, to take the steps necessary for giving effect to the foregoing Resolution.

The Clerk laid before the Board the Memorial presented this day by the Deputation

from a Conference of Delegates from certain Vestries and District Boards, on the subject of communication between the North and South sides of the Thames, East of London Bridge, and also the Letter and Resolution of the Limehouse District Board on the same subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. Munro—That the Board do proceed to Parliament, during the next Session, for powers to construct a Tunnel under the Thames, from a point near Nightingale-lane, Wapping, to Bermondsey, as recommended in a Report made to the Committee by the Engineer.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Cook, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. R. Jones—That, in order to carry out the Resolution of the Board of the 13th July last, two Bills be introduced into Parliament next Session, in order to obtain power for the Board to construct a Tunnel from Shadwell to Rotherhithe, as recommended in the Engineer's Report of the 19th August, 1882, and also a Tunnel from Nightingale-lane to Dockhead, as recommended by the Engineer in his Report of the 15th October, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. J. Jones, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter received from the Chairman of the London and St. Katharine Docks Company, be now read.

The Clerk then read the Letter referred to, dated 25th October, 1883, stating that the rumours which had been circulated as to the business of the St. Katharine Docks and of the London Docks dying out, and the traffic diminishing were incorrect.

After discussion, the amendment was put to the vote, when there were for it 6, against it 28; and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

A further amendment was then moved by Mr. Abbott, and seconded by the Hon. A. Egerton, M.P.—"That a Bill be introduced into Parliament next Session for a "Tunnel from Shadwell to Rotherhithe, as recommended in the Engineer's Report "of August 19th, 1882, instead of the Tunnel from Nightingale-lane to Dockhead, as "recommended by the Engineer on October 15th, 1883, which has never been viewed "by the Board."

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 12, against it 26, and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

It was then moved by Mr. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. J. Jones—That the debate be adjourned.

The motion having been put to the vote, there were for it 6, against it 24, and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, when there were for it 24, against it 13.

A Division having been demanded and granted, the names of the Members voting were taken down, when there were—

For the Motion—25.

Adams, B. H., Esq.	Meaden, G. P., Esq.
Bradfield, J. E., Esq.	Munro, D., Esq.
Brown, G., Esq.	Pocock, A., Esq.
Dalton, W. H., Esq.	Richardson, G. B., Esq.
Fairclough, T. M., Esq.	Rogers, E. Dresser, Esq.
Freeman, R., Esq.	Runtz, J., Esq.
Furniss, R., Esq.	Robson, W., Esq.
Garrett, W. B., Esq.	Saunders, J. E., Esq., Deputy.
Harben, H., Esq.	Shepherd, W., Esq.
Hill, G., Esq.	Tolhurst, J., Esq.
Jolly, J. R., Esq.	Urquhart, W., Esq.
Lloyd, J. R., Esq.	White, T. J., Esq.

Teller—Mr. Selway.

Against the Motion—13.

Abbott, J., Esq.	Ingoldby, F., Esq.
Debenham, W., Esq.	Jones, J., Esq.
Edwards, G., Esq.	Jones, R. Esq.
Egerton, Hon. A. de Tatton, M.P.	Phillips, G., Esq.
Elam, T. H., Esq.	Turner, T., Esq.
Fowler, F. H., Esq.	Wetenhall, W. J., Esq.

Teller—Mr. Cook.

And it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and it was resolved—That the Board do proceed to Parliament, during the next Session, for powers to construct a Tunnel under the River Thames, from a point near Nightingale-lane, Wapping, to Bermondsey, as recommended in a Report made to the Committee by the Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and the Parliamentary Committee, to take all necessary steps with a view to obtaining Parliamentary power in accordance with to the foregoing Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do proceed to Parliament, in the next Session, for power to construct such Steam Ferries at lower parts of the River Thames as may, in the opinion of the Board, be necessary.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—"That it be referred to the "Works and General Purposes Committee and the Parliamentary Committee, to take "the necessary steps for giving effect to the foregoing Resolution, and in any cases where "works are to be executed for the purpose of working the Steam Ferries or approaches "or where property is to be taken for the purpose of constructing approaches, or for "the purpose of landing passengers, the Works and General Purposes Committee be "authorised to select the number and position of such Ferries; and that the "Parliamentary Committee be instructed to take all steps requisite to obtain the "necessary Parliamentary powers."

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That so much of the Report as relates to the widening of Parliament-street; and the improvement of the approaches to the Law Courts be approved.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. Wetenhall —That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 3, against it 21; and it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Lambeth Waterworks Company as to the price proposed to be charged by them for fixing Hydrants, be approved and acted upon, and that the Company be informed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Parliamentary Committee to take the necessary steps for carrying into effect the Resolution of the Board of the 12th instant (No. 5), as to an extension of the time for the exercise of the Board's powers under the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act, 1877, with respect to the Western Improvements; the Southwark-bridge-road and Great Dover-street communication, and the Gray's-inn-road Improvement, North of Clerkenwell-road.

10. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 16th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz:—

DATE.	APPLICATION.
22nd April, 1882.	Vestry of Bethnal-green for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Parish.

Date.	Application.
24th February, 1881.	Vestry of Lambeth for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Parish.
5th April, 1882.	Poplar District Board for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the District.
16th November, 1882.	Fulham District Board for re-numbering the houses in various streets in Hammersmith.
7th April, 1883.	Vestry of Islington, for abolishing the subsidiary names in Avenell-road, Highbury-vale, and re-numbering the houses.
31st July, 1883.	Inhabitants of Sutherland-gardens, Maida-vale, for re-naming a portion of the the road "Sutherland-avenue."
21st June, 1883.	Poplar District Board, for assigning numbers to three newly erected houses in East India Dock-road.

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That Essex-street, Three Colt's-lane, Bethnal-green, be re-named "Buckhurst-street, E.," the subsidiary names abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Norfolk-street, Three Colt's-lane, Bethnal-green, be re-named "Fellbrigg-street, E., and the houses re-numbered.

That Duke-street, Brady-street, Bethnal-green, be re-named "Ducal-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That New-street, Turk-street, Bethnal-green, be re-named "Newling-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Princes-street, Turk-street, Bethnal-green, be re-named "Chambord-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Denmark-hill (between Champion-hill and Red-post-hill), be re-numbered.

That the houses in Herne-hill be numbered, and the subsidiary name abolished.

That the subsidiary name in Priory-place, Priory-road, Lambeth, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Priory-mews, Priory-grove, Lambeth, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Richmond-place and Richmond-cottages, Belmore-street, Lambeth, be incorporated under the name "Richmond-place, S.W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary name in Alfred-street, Bow-road, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Beavor-lane, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in St. Peter's-road, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Queen's-road, The Chancellors, Hammersmith, be re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Great Church-lane, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Avenell-road, Highbury-vale, Islington, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the Eastern section of Sutherland-gardens, Maida-vale, be not re-named "Sutherland-avenue," and that the Petitioners be so informed.

That the premises, recently erected on the site of endowed schools in East India Dock-road between Woollett-street and Chrisp-street, Poplar, be re-numbered 187, 187A and 187B, East India Dock-road.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) W SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
WM. DEBENHAM.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler – That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Essex-street, Three Colt's-lane, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,172, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 43, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 106, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Essex-street, Walter's-terrace, Smith's-buildings, and any other name or names now in use in Essex-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Buckhurst-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Norfolk-street, Three Colt's-lane, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,173, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 73, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 54, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name Norfolk-street, and any other name or names now in use in Norfolk-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Fellbrigg-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Duke-street, Brady-street, in the Parish of St. Mathew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,174, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 15, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 18, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Duke-street, and any other name or names now in use in Duke-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Ducal-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of New-street, Gosset-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,175, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 25, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 34, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name New-street, and any other name or names now in use in New-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Newling-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Princes-street, Virginia-road, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,176, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 43, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 52, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name Princes-street, and any other name or names now in use in Princes-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Chambord-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises between Champion-hill and Red-post-hill, in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Denmark-hill, in the respective Parishes of Lambeth and Camberwell, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,177, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 149 and ending with 169, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 164 and ending with 218, to those on the Western side; that the existing numbers, between the points above indicated, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Denmark-hill, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestries of Lambeth and Camberwell, respectively, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883,

appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Herne-hill, in the respective Parishes of Camberwell and Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,178, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 43, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 70, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the name Swiss-cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Herne-hill, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Herne-hill, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestries of Camberwell and Lambeth, respectively, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in Priory-place, Priory-road, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,179, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 15, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 14, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the name Spencer-cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Priory-place, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole be called "Priory-place, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in Priory-mews, Priory-grove, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,180, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 21, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 14, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the names Harriett's-cottages, Spencer-cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Priory-mews, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole be called "Priory-mews, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant

to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Richmond-place, in the respective Parishes of Lambeth and Clapham, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,181, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 19, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 14, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the name Richmond-cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Richmond-place, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Richmond-place, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth and the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, respectively, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Alfred-street and Lucas-terrace, in the Parish of St. Mary, Stratford-le-Bow, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,182, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 49, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 48, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name Lucas-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Alfred-street and Lucas-terrace, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Alfred-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Beavor-lane, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,183, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 33, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 30, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end: that the names Richmond-place, Beavor-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Beavor-lane, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Beavor-lane, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883,

appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of St. Peter's-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,184, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 39, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 24, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Beavor-terrace, Theresa-villas, Beavor-villas, Princes-cottages, Alpha-place, and any other name or names now in use in St. Peter's-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "St. Peter's-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Queen's-road, The Chancellors, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,185, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 25, being assigned to the houses on the North-Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 16, to those on the South-Western side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Queen-street; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Queen's-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Great Church-lane, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,186, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 65, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 130, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Keys-terrace, Wilson's-terrace, Montague-terrace, Jasmine-terrace, Rednall-terrace (so far as the same is applied to houses in the line of Great Church-lane), Elric-terrace, Wilson's-row, Dunmore-cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Great Church-lane, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Great Church-lane, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Avenell-road, in the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,187, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 143, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 60, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the names Avenell-villas, Lavinia-terrace, Creswell-villas, Warden-villas, Essendon-villas, Beaconsfield-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Avenell-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Avenell-road, N.,' and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Islington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and resolved—That the Eastern section of Sutherland-gardens, Maida-vale, be not re-named "Sutherland-avenue," and that the parties who have memorialised the Board on the subject be so informed.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 16th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Fowler—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises recently erected on the site of endowed schools in East India Dock-road, between Woollett-street and Chrisp-street, in the Parish of All Saints, Poplar, in the County of Middlesex, be numbered and described as 187, 187a and 187b, East India Dock-road, and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

11. Mr. Runtz, in the absence of Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 23rd October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under their direction, proceedings have been taken against Mr. C. Cox for the unlawful establishment anew of the business of a Gut Scraper at a Railway Arch in Rolt-street, Deptford. As at the date of the final hearing Mr. Cox had discontinued the business, the Magistrate inflicted only a nominal penalty of 10s. and costs.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mr. James William Dyer (trading as Dyer and Robson) for assent to an amending License for his Factory for Explosive (Ammunition, &c.), at Greenwich Marshes. The explosives manufactured at the premises are chiefly ships' signals and ammunition. The Factory has been in existence for about 40 years, and after the passing of the Explosives Act, 1875, the Board assented to the terms of the License prepared at the Home Office, and subsequently granted by the Home Secretary. It has now been found necessary to add an additional magazine for the storage of Schultz and E. C. powder, which is now superseding, to some extent, ordinary Gunpowder for sporting purposes. This powder

is proposed to be kept on Greenwich-marshes, at a distance of 60 yards from the existing boundary of the Factory, in a magazine constructed of brick, cemented, and lined throughout with woodwork, and the quantity of explosives to be kept in this magazine is limited to 250 lbs. The amending License has been approved by the Home Secretary, and there appears to be no objection to it, as the situation of the magazine is suitable, and its construction is good. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the assent applied for be granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mr. G. Mills, Gas Meter Inspector, for additional assistance at the Westminster Gas-meter Testing Office, rendered necessary partly through the death of J. Gianelli, formerly employed as labourer, and partly because Burton, one of the Assistant Gas Meter Testers, is frequently employed in gas fitting work in the Fire Brigade Stations. Mr. Mills has reported that F. Bryant, who has been temporarily employed at the Testing Office during the past three months, is very steady and attentive, and has acquired a good knowledge of the work required. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That F. Bryant be employed, during the pleasure of the Board, as a labourer at the Westminster Gas-meter Testing office, and that he be paid at the rate of £1 8s. a week.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration two applications for renewal of registration, under the Infant Life Protection Act. The arrangements for the keeping of the Infants at the premises in respect of which the applications are made continue to be satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That the applications of the following persons for renewal of registration under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at the premises named, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law in each case, fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises, as follows—

Mrs. Adelaide Jarman, No. 3, Gideon-road, Lavender-hill, Battersea, three Infants.

Mrs. Margaret Jones, No. 101, Oxford-street, Mile-end, two Infants.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application for registration from Mrs. Ann Philpott, who has removed from the premises in respect of which she was previously granted registration. The accommodation provided at the premises now occupied by her is sufficient for the number of Infants proposed to be kept, and your Committee recommend—

That the application of Mrs. Ann Philpott, for registration for the keeping of Infants at No. 37, Dragon-road, St. George's-road, Camberwell, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law, fixing two as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

Your Committee submit a list of 70 applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum, and they recommend—

That in 64 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in four cases Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum at the places named, in stores situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90; and that in two cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN RUNTZ,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
CHAS. HARRIS.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the assent of the Board be, and the same is hereby given, to the amended License to Mr. J. W. Dyer (trading

as Dyer and Robson) for a Factory for Explosive (Ammunition, &c.) at Greenwich-marshes, subject to the terms of the Draft License approved by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That F. Bryant be employed, during the pleasure of the Board, as a Labourer at the Westminster Gas-meter Testing-office, and that he be paid at the rate of £1 8s. a week.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the registration of the following persons and premises under the Infant Life Protection Act, be renewed, and that the Board do hereby make Bye-laws fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept on such premises, as follows—

Mrs. Adelaide Jarman, No. 3, Gideon-road, Lavender-hill, Battersea, three Infants.

Mrs. Margaret Jones, No. 101, Oxford-street, Mile-end, two Infants.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That Mrs. Ann Philpott be registered under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at No. 37, Dragon-road, St. George's-road, Camberwell, and that the Board do hereby make a Bye-law fixing Two as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the Seventy persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolution were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

12. Mr. Runtz, in the absence of Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 23rd October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that proceedings have been taken against Thomas Fomison, of Wycombe-road, Tottenham, who was fined £10 and 4s. costs, or one month's imprisonment, for leading a glandered horse along a highway.

Your Committee have further to report that, during the fortnight ended the 20th instant, Passes have been issued for the removal of 7,285 animals from the Metropolitan Cattle Market, out of the Metropolis, for the purpose of slaughter, making a total of 46,524 animals so removed since the 1st July last.

Your Committee have further to report that, since the 9th instant, outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease have occurred on four premises in the Metropolis. The aggregate number of stock on the premises was 33, of these 23 became diseased, and 6 have since recovered, leaving 17 affected animals.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN RUNTZ,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
CHAS. HARRIS.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

13. Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 24th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that 1,400 larch poles, varying in length from 12 to 18 feet, are required for use as tree stakes on the Open Spaces under the control of the Board on the North side of the Thames. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the poles be obtained, at an estimated cost of £35 5s.

Your Committee have likewise to report that 1,000 larch poles are required for the Open Spaces on the South side of the Thames, viz., for Clapham, 200; Tooting, 350; Peckham-rye, 200; Blackheath, 100; and Plumstead-common, 150. Your Committee recommend—

That the poles be obtained, at an estimated cost of £20 10s.

In pursuance of the reference by the Board on the 3rd August last, (No. 55,) your Committee have considered the letter from Messrs. Frere and Co., stating their intention, in the exercise of their rights as the representatives of the Trustees of the late Mr. T. G. Corbett, of piercing the ground on London-fields. Your Committee, as a matter of emergency, had the Letter before them on the 1st August last, that being their last ordinary Meeting before the Board's Recess, and they then, on the advice of your Solicitor, informed Messrs. Frere and Co. of the steps which the Board proposed to take in the next Session of Parliament with reference to the Commons in the Hackney District. Your Committee have now to report that Messrs. Frere have had certain holes pierced on London-fields, in exercise of their alleged right, and that they immediately re-filled the cavities. Your Committee beg to report the fact for the information of the Board, and to recommend—

That the reference to them on the subject be discharged.

Your Committee have had before them a Letter from Messrs. Cheston and Sons, stating that their client, Mr. Paine, who claims certain freehold rights in North Mill-field, Hackney, proposes to exercise the same by removing brick earth from the Field, unless the Board enter into an agreement with him for the purchase of his rights. Your Committee are of opinion that the Board, pending their application to Parliament for further powers in connection with the Commons in the Hackney District, should not enter into any contract for the purchase of rights; and they therefore recommend—

That Messrs. Cheston and Sons be informed to that effect, and also that the Board hope that their client will not, in the meantime, commit, in the exercise of his alleged rights, any act which may tend to the disfigurement of North Mill-field.

Your Committee have had before them a Letter from Mr. E. Kimber, Solicitor, on behalf of the Rev. John M'Allister, of Heathfield Vicarage, Plumstead-common, claiming the site of the ditch between the Common and his client's property, near the Vicarage. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and have also had a Report before them from your Solicitor on the subject. As the result, your Committee are of opinion that the site of the ditch is the property of Mr. Kimber's client, and they recommend—

That the Board do adopt that view, and instruct their Superintending Architect to set out and define the boundary of the Common at the point in question on that basis.

Your Committee have had before them a proposal from the School Board for London, accompanied by a Plan, for an exchange of land at Plumstead-common. Your Committee have visited the site, and are satisfied that the exchange would be to the advantage of the public frequenting the Common, as a small strip of land, which they cannot now use, would be given up to the School Board, and, in return, land, on which is a row of elm trees, bounding the Common, but which is the property of the School Board, would be given up and preserved for the public use. Your Committee have,

however, ascertained that it will be necessary to obtain Parliamentary sanction to the proposed exchange, and they are of opinion that such powers should be obtained by the School Board. They therefore recommend—

That this Board do consent to the exchange, conditionally upon the School Board obtaining the necessary Parliamentary sanction thereto.

The attention of your Committee has been called to damage done to the turf of Hampstead-heath by coal carts crossing the Board's land to a side foot-entrance belonging to an adjoining property known as "The Firs." The owners of this property claim a right-of-way to the side entrance alongside their boundary fence, and the Board do not desire to dispute the claim; but your Committee are of opinion that that does not justify persons in driving indiscriminately over the Heath. Your Committee recommend—

That a short length of post and rail fencing be erected to define the access to this gate, as shown on the Plan submitted, at an estimated cost of £15.

Your Committee have had before them an application from Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, on behalf of the Lord of the Manor of Hampstead (Sir Spencer Maryon Wilson), asking the Board to consent to the formation by him of certain roads across Hampstead-heath, of a less width than 60 feet, which measurement is determined by the Hampstead-heath Act, 1871. Your Committee are of opinion that the Board should not give their consent to any deviation from the terms of the Act, and they recommend the Board to adopt that view, and to direct that Sir J. Whittaker Ellis be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have had an application before them from the Hampstead Bonfire Club, for permission to have their usual Bonfire on Hampstead-heath on the 5th November next. Your Committee see no objection to the request being complied with, and they accordingly recommend—

That permission be given for the Bonfire on the portion of the Heath known as the Battery.

Your Committee have to report that Goose-green has now been sufficiently raised to admit of trees being planted, and it becomes necessary that it should be enclosed by an oak post and iron rail fence. The Green is of small area, and there is no Common-keeper permanently stationed thereat, as is the case on most of the other Open Spaces. Your Committee therefore recommend, as the best means of preventing encroachments on the Green—

That a fence of the description named be erected around it at an estimated cost of £163 12s. 6d.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the dilapidated condition of the fencing around a portion of Clapham-common, next the Polygon. The fencing cannot be repaired, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That it be removed, and be re-placed by oak post and iron rail fencing at an estimated cost of £25.

Your Committee have further to report, with reference to Clapham-common, that it is necessary that the camp-shedding around the Cock Pond should be repaired, and, in some places, renewed. The estimated cost of the work is £24, and your Committee recommend—

That an expenditure of that sum be sanctioned.

Your Committee have to report that the work of raising Brook-green is rapidly progressing, and that it is very desirable, before planting trees and sowing grass-seed thereon, that a post and rail fence, similar to that around Shepherd's-bush-common, should be erected around Brook-green, leaving therein the necessary openings for the convenience of pedestrians. The estimated cost of the work is £212 15s. 6d., and your Committee recommend—

That the expenditure be sanctioned.

Under the reference to them by the Board on the 3rd August, last (No. 8), your Committee have selected a man to act as Relief Constable on Open Spaces in the place of Salisbury, whose resignation was accepted on that date. From several applicants your Committee have selected Charles Bone, aged 46, who was for 23 years in the First Life Guards, and was discharged with an excellent character. Bone, who is now temporarily discharging the duties of the post, is, in the opinion of your Committee, a suitable man, and they therefore recommend—

That he be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, at a similar rate of wages to that received by Salisbury, viz., 25s. per week, with an allowance of one suit of uniform annually.

On the 3rd of August last (No. 8), the Board approved of a draft Scheme for the regulation of Streatham-common, and a Memorial was presented to the Land Commissioners, praying that such Scheme should be confirmed, and the Common placed under the control of the Board. Negotiations with that object are consequently in progress; and your Committee have now to report that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who, as Lords of the Manor of Fauxhall, are Freeholders of the Common, have offered to surrender their rights and interests therein to the Board for the sum of £5, subject only to certain conditions. As the Common is 66 acres in extent, your Committee consider the offer a very favourable one for the Board, and, having carefully considered the conditions, they are of opinion that they are such as the Board could very reasonably agree to. The first is that, in the event of any portion of the Common being, at any future time, compulsorily acquired by a Railway or other public Company, any and all compensation awarded shall be payable to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, as the original Freeholders, and that the gravel, mines and minerals shall belong to them. The second condition provides for the surrender, whenever required by the Commissioners, of a small strip of roadside waste, which is separated from the Common by a road, and has only been included in the Scheme in order that there may be power to prevent nuisances thereon whilst it remains unenclosed. The third condition relates to the payment of the Commissioners' costs by the Board; a course to which your Committee see no objection. Your Committee have no hesitation in recommending the Board to accept the offer of the Commissioners to transfer their interest in the Common to the Board, on the conditions which they specify.

In connection with the subject of Streatham-common, your Committee have also had before them a communication from Mr. Bailey, the Honorary Secretary of the local Committee of gentlemen who now manage the Common, expressing their readiness to co-operate with the Board in giving effect to the proposed Scheme, conditionally upon horse-riding being allowed around the margins of the lower portion of the Common, and that Cricket be not prohibited on the whole area. As the Board have at Hampstead and Blackheath formed rides for equestrians, and at Clapham-common have devoted a portion of the grass area for a like purpose, your Committee see no objection to complying with that part of the local Committee's wishes. With regard to cricket playing, as one of the Board's main objects in acquiring Open Spaces is to provide places of recreation for the public, and the Board have always given every facility for the playing of Cricket by the public, when the ground is suitable, without any but necessary restrictions, your Committee see no reason for objecting, in any way, to the second proposal of the local Committee, and they therefore recommend—

That the Board do agree thereto, and that Mr. Bailey be informed to that effect.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of nails, screws, and bolts and nuts for use in Finsbury-park; a lantern for Southwark-park, and some felt, a lock, keys, and gratings for the Victoria Embankment and Leicester-square Gardens. They have also authorised the planting of Scotch fir trees on Hampstead-heath, and a few willow trees on Blackheath. Your Committee have likewise sanctioned the planting of plane trees and the erection of fencing in Southwark-park; a notice-board and

short length of post at Hampstead-heath, and some fencing at Nunhead-green, and they have directed that a new mat, broom, and coal box be obtained for use in the watch-box on Well-street-common.

Your Committee have also directed your Superintending Architect to remove certain posts illegally erected by a Mr. White, on Common land forming part of Tooting-graveney-common, as defined by the Act, in front of the house occupied by him and known as Kinrara-house. To this course, your Committee ask the sanction of the Board.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) DONALD MUNRO,
W. H. DALTON,
JOHN RUNTZ,
HENRY HARBEN,
WM. SHEPHERD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
GEORGE HILL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That 1,400 larch poles, varying in length from 12 to 18 feet, be purchased for use as tree stakes on the Board's Open Spaces North of the Thames, at an estimated cost of £35 5s.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That 1,000 larch poles be purchased for use as tree guards on the Board's Open Spaces South of the Thames, at an estimated cost of £20 10s.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Messrs. Frere and Co., representatives of the Trustees of the late Mr. T. G. Corbett, as to piercing the ground on London-fields, Hackney, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That Messrs. Cheston and Sons be informed, in reply to their Letter on behalf of Mr. Paine, claiming certain freehold rights in North-mill-field, Hackney, that the Board intend to apply to Parliament, in the ensuing Session, for further powers as to the Commons in the Hackney District, and that the Board cannot, pending that application, enter into any contract for the purchase of any such rights, and that they hope that Mr. Paine will not, until the decision of Parliament shall have been obtained, commit, in the exercise of his alleged rights, any act which may tend to the disfigurement of the Open Space referred to.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the claim made by Mr. E. Kimber, on behalf of the Rev. Mr. McAllister, of Heathfield Vicarage, Plumstead-common, to the site of the ditch next the boundary fence of his property, be allowed; and that the Superintending Architect be instructed to set out and define the boundary of the Common, at the point referred to, on that basis.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do consent to an exchange of land at Plumstead-common with the School Board for London, as shown on their Plan, upon condition that the School Board do take all necessary steps for obtaining Parliamentary sanction to such exchange.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That a short length of post and rail fencing be erected on Hampstead-heath, to define the access to a side foot-entrance to The Firs, at an estimated cost of £15.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do decline to consent to the formation, by the Lord of the Manor of Hampstead, of roads across the

Heath, of a less width than 60 feet, as defined by the Hampstead-heath Act of 1871 and that Sir J. Whittaker Ellis be so informed, in reply to his application on behalf of the Lord of the Manor.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That permission be given to the Hampstead Bonfire Club to have their annual Bonfire on the portion of the Heath known as " the Battery," on the 5th November next.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That an oak post and iron rail-fence, similar to that on other Open Spaces under the control of the Board, be erected around Goose-green, at an estimated cost of £163 12s. 6d.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the old dilapidated fencing around the portion of Clapham-common, next the Polygon, be removed, and be re-placed by oak post and iron rail-fencing, at an estimated cost of £25.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the camp-shedding around the Cock Pond, on Clapham-common, be repaired and renewed where necessary, at an estimated cost of £24.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That Brook-green be enclosed, by an oak post and iron rail-fence, with the necessary openings for pedestrians, at an estimated cost of £212 15s. 6d.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That Charles Bone be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, Relief Constable on Open Spaces in place of Salisbury, resigned, at the wages of 25s. per week, and an allowance of one suit of uniform annually, in addition.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the offer made to the Board by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to convey their interest, as freeholders of Streatham-common, to the Board, for a payment of £5, subject to the conditions attached to the offer of the Commissioners, be accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Bailey, the Hon. Sec. of the Streatham-common Local Committee, be informed that the Board will be prepared to permit equestrian exercise around the margins of the lower portion of the Common, and that, inasmuch as they allow the playing of Cricket, without restriction, on Clapham-common, Blackheath, and all other Open Spaces which are suited for the game, they have no intention of seeking powers for prohibiting it on Streatham-common.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Committee in directing the Superintending Architect to remove certain posts illegally erected by a Mr. White, on Common land forming part of Tooting-graveney-common, be approved.

14. Mr. Runtz, the Chairman of the Bridges Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BRIDGES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 24th October, 1883.

Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, referred to them on the 10th August last (No. 59), urging upon the Board the desirability of arranging for the receipt of Tenders for the re-building of Battersea Bridge, and for the commencement of the works at the earliest possible date; and requesting that no deviation from the Plan and Section approved might be made, without affording the Vestry an opportunity of offering suggestions thereon. Your Committee recommend—

That a reply be addressed to the Vestry to the effect that the Board have, at present, before them a proposal to alter the line of the Southern approach to the new Bridge, and will probably

make an application to Parliament in the ensuing Session for that purpose, and that, upon the necessary powers being obtained, the Board will proceed to carry out the work.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN RUNTZ,
WM. SHEPHERD,
DONALD MUNRO,
W. R. SELWAY,
ROBT. JONES,
GEO. EDWARDS,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That a reply, as recommended by the Committee, be sent to the Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, as to the works for the re-building of Battersea Bridge.

15. Mr. Richardson, in the absence of Mr. Tolhurst, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 24th October, 1883.

Your Committee have had under consideration the various matters in respect of which the Board has decided to make application to Parliament next Session, as there is no time to be lost in making the necessary preparations. One of the points upon which the Board resolved to submit a proposal to Parliament was that relating to the future maintenance of the new roads at Hyde-park Corner. The Resolution passed on the 13th July last, was to the effect that the Board should introduce a Bill next Session, to authorise it to deal with the question of what authority should maintain the new roads. Subsequently to the date of this Resolution, however, the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works, &c., wishing that his Department should be relieved, as early as possible of the responsibility of maintaining the roads, introduced a Bill to the same effect as proposed by the Board. This Bill failed, owing to non-compliance with the Standing Orders of Parliament. It appears to your Committee that the First Commissioner may probably intend to introduce a similar Bill next Session, and, in that case, it would of course be inexpedient for the Board to act upon the Resolution of the 13th July last that the Board should itself introduce a Bill. Your Committee recommend—

That a communication be addressed to the First Commissioner to the effect that the Board presumes it to be his intention to introduce next year a Bill similar to that which he laid before Parliament last Session.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN TOLHURST,
W. H. DALTON,
JOHN RUNTZ,
DONALD MUNRO,
W. R. SELWAY,
ROBT. JONES,
GEO. EDWARDS.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that a communication be addressed to the First Commissioner of Works, &c., accordingly.

16. It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the motion by Mr. Fowler, notice of which appears in the paper of business, be now considered.

On the suggestion of Mr. Runtz, and by leave of the Board, Mr. Fowler modified his motion, as follows—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee to consider and report upon the question whether, seeing that Parliament has fixed

3s. 6d. a thousand feet as the standard price of the Gas supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, it is in the power of that Company, without higher sanction than an Order in Council, to conclude an amalgamation with the Gas Light and Coke Company, whose standard price is 3s. 9d., the effect of which would be that 3s. 9d. would become the standard price over the united area, and that the standard price of 3s. 6d., fixed by Parliament, for the South Metropolitan Gas Company, would be swept away, and, if considered desirable, that the Committee be authorised to instruct the Solicitor to obtain the Opinion of Counsel on the question.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Runtz,

It was, on the suggestion of Mr. Richardson, and by leave of the Board, further modified, as follows—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee to consider and report upon the question whether, seeing that Parliament has fixed 3s. 6d. a thousand feet as the standard price of the Gas supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, it is in the power of that Company, without higher sanction than an Order in Council, to conclude an amalgamation with the Gas Light and Coke Company, whose standard price is 3s. 9d., and that the Committee be authorised, if considered desirable, to instruct the Solicitor to obtain the Opinion of Counsel on the question.

The motion was then put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th October, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestry and District Board—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
KENSINGTON.				
Nevern-square, Warwick-road ...	240 670 60	3′ 9″ × 2′ 6″ 3′ 0″ × 2′ 0″ 12-inch.	1 brick. ½-brick. Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
WANDSWORTH.				
Coliston, Palmeston, Brathway and Cambourne Roads, Southfields Estate	2,065	12-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestry and District Board be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th October, 1883, on applications from the following Vestry and District Boards, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
BETHNAL GREEN.					
1883. 20th October	Brick-lane, the part under the new Girder Bridge.	Re-paving.	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	Quaker, &c., Streets.
SAINT SAVIOUR'S.					
23rd & 25th October.	Union-street, between Redcross-street and High-street.	Re-paving.	10 days.	10 days.	Southwark-street.
HACKNEY.					
25th Oct.	Ridley-road, from Colverstone-crescent to Dalston-lane.	Repairing carriage-way.	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	Dalston-lane, &c.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestry and District Boards, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

19. The Engineer laid before the Board a Report and Return, as follows—

Engineer's Department, Spring-gardens, S.W.
26th October, 1883.

SPECIAL CLERKS OF WORKS.

In compliance with the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd May, 1874 (No. 22), I submit herewith a Return showing the names of the several Special Clerks of Works in the employ of the Board, the wages paid to them respectively, and the works upon which they are at present engaged.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

Names.	Wages per week.	Works engaged upon.
	MR. LOVICK'S DISTRICT.	
Fisk, G.	£3 3 0	Assisting in sewerage and drainage and Thames Floods prevention works, and in the general duties in the Eastern part of the District.
Fixter, J.	3 3 0	Ratcliff-highway and Northern High Level Sewers Relief Lines.
Carter, J.	3 3 0	
Panter, T.	3 3 0	Superintending paving, &c., works at Essex-road, Islington.
Skipper, G.	3 3 0	Superintending paving, &c., works at Gray's-inn-road.
Larking, G....	*3 3 0	Superintending the diversion of the Ratcliff-highway Sewer in the Whitechapel-road, near the London Hospital. *Recoverable from the East London Railway Company, upon the completion of the works.
Hewett, E., Jun....	*2 16 0	Superintending alterations to the Dowgate-dock Sewer. *Recoverable from the Metropolitan and District Railways Company, upon the completion of the works.
	MR. GRANT'S DISTRICT.	
Johnson, T....	3 3 0	Assisting in sewerage and drainage works and general duties in the Southern part of the District.
Lynn, R.	3 3 0	Clapham to Putney relief sewers.
Bedloe, C.	3 3 0	
Dennis, W.	3 3 0	
Judd, J.	3 3 0	
Beagley, J.	3 3 0	
Ward, J. H.	3 3 0	
Daw, H.	3 3 0	
Morton, W....	4 4 0	Ranelagh and King's Scholars' Pond Sewers relief Sewer.
Jeffery, W. W.	3 3 0	
Noble, H. A.	4 4 0	Deptford storm Overflow Sewer.
Martin, W.	3 3 0	
Scott, J.	3 3 0	Superintending the formation of a new road at Wormwood-scrubs.
	METROPOLITAN BRIDGES (MR. BAZALGETTE).	
Carey, T. M.	3 3 0	Repairs to old Putney, Battersea, and Wandsworth Bridges, and Metropolitan Bridges, general district work.
Rigg, J.	3 3 0	Putney (new) Bridge.
Boag, A.	3 3 0	
Butcher, B....	3 3 0	Strengthening and other works to the foundations of Waterloo Bridge.
Sharpe, P.	3 3 0	Superintending alterations to the Deptford-creek Bridge.
Hewett, E.	2 2 0	Slopping and cleansing roads, &c., of the various Bridges under the control of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report and Return be received, and that they be printed and circulated among the Members of the Board.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 24th October, 1883, prepared pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 5th instant (No. 44), on a Letter from the Vestry of Mile-end Old-town, stating that complaints had been made to them of the use, by the Board's Contractors for the Ratcliff-highway, &c., Sewers relief lines, of the waste land in the Mile-end-road for the deposit of gravel, &c., thereon, and asking that the nuisance complained of might be removed; stating that since the receipt of the Letter the gravel had been removed; that there were some bricks remaining, but that they were being rapidly used up, and that there were also upon the ground two Offices, which were necessary for the works, but which would be dispensed with in a few weeks, and recommending that the Vestry be informed to the foregoing effect.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Vestry be informed accordingly.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th October, 1883, recommending the execution, under the General Contract, of repairs to the fencing on the Canal side boundary of the Western Pumping Station, at an estimated cost of £35.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the repairs be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 24th October, 1883, stating that the last monthly payment in respect of the Putney Bridge Contract, was made to Mr. Waddell on the 28th September, and that, under the strict reading of the Specification "that payments shall in no case be made at more frequent than monthly intervals," he was not entitled to a Certificate on Tuesday last, when the Finance Committee met; that Mr. Waddell, had, however, completed a large amount of work during the past month, and that he had represented to him (the Engineer) that to delay the next payment for another fortnight would occasion him serious inconvenience, and probably interfere with the progress of the work, and recommending that the Board should now make a payment of £7,200 to Mr. Waddell, on the Certificate which he (the Engineer) had prepared and placed in the hands of the Board's Accountant.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Runtz, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that a Cheque for £7,200 be now drawn in favour of Mr. Waddell; and a Cheque was drawn on the Bridges (Act of 1881) Account, accordingly.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 25th October, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. B. P. Stockman, on behalf of Mr. P. Hamilton, submitting Plans for the construction of a Subway crossing the Main Fleet Sewer, under Farringdon-road; stating that the object of the Subway was to enable the Great Northern Railway Company to take goods, &c., by their usual waggons under Farringdon-road, near the Station of the Metropolitan Railway, from their premises on the East side of the road to new warehouses about to be erected for the purposes of the Company upon certain land (recently leased from the City Corporation by Mr. Hamilton), situated on the West side of the road, as shown upon the Ordnance sheet accompanying the application; further stating that the Main Fleet Sewer ran under the Farringdon-road, and that Mr. Stockman proposed to carry the Subway across the Sewer as shown upon the tracing (marked A) accompanying the application; that the dimensions of the Sewer would not thereby be altered, nor would its structure be interfered with, except by the strengthening concrete works at its sides and haunches, and on the top; that the girders and plates would rest on concrete over the crown of the Sewer, and that the height of the rail-level would be about 2 feet 8 inches above the soffit of the Sewer; that the soffit of the Subway was proposed to be 12 feet above the rail-level, and that the surface of the road was shown to be about 2 feet above that,

and recommending that (so far as the Board were concerned) the construction of the Subway should be sanctioned, according to the general Plan, and the Sections shown on the amended tracing (marked B), prepared by him (the Engineer), and subject to the following conditions, viz.—that working Drawings of such detailed works as he (the Engineer) might require, be submitted to him for his approval; that the sewer be very solidly filled in at the sides and haunches, and to such height as might be required, with concrete; and that there be four strong wrought iron girders, with strong holding down bolts, and that the spaces between the girders be formed with strong wrought-iron plates, securely bolted to the girders, the girders to be fixed upon stone templates; that the covering over the Subway, and for the purpose of securely sustaining the public road and footways, be made of sufficient strength to sustain, with safety, in addition to the dead load, a moving load equivalent to that of a Locomotive weighing 32 tons, supported on a truck having four wheels, the wheels eight feet apart, with a four feet gauge; or a distributed load of two cwts. per foot super., whichever of such loads would give the greater strain, the safe load in all cases being taken at one-fifth of the breaking weight; that the whole of the works be carried out, in all respects, with such materials and in such manner as he (the Engineer) might direct, and to his entire satisfaction, at the sole cost of the proper parties; and that all the works be executed in connection with the Subway, and be kept in repair, upheld, and maintained by the proper parties at their own cost.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received, and that the Plans be approved on the several conditions recommended by the Engineer.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 26th October, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. Wolfe Barry, Engineer to the Metropolitan District Railway Company, submitting for approval a Drawing showing the proposed shortening of the Ventilator in the garden on the East side of the Temple Station, Victoria Embankment; stating that the Drawing submitted showed the Ventilator to be reduced to 42 feet outside and 39 feet internal dimensions; that Section 5 of the Metropolitan Board of Works, (District Railway Ventilators) Act, 1883, provided that the length should be reduced from 62 feet (which was the outside dimensions previously authorised) to 40 feet, so that the Drawing did not exactly correspond with the requirements of the Act, but that, as Mr. Barry explained, as shown on the Drawing submitted by him, the cross wall would stand upon the existing girder over the Railway, whereas otherwise a new girder would have to be provided, or the old girder shifted, and that the work would involve an extra cost of about £80, which would have to be paid by the Board; and recommending that strict compliance with the terms of the Act be adhered to, and that Mr. Barry be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 25th October, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. Nowell and Robson, applying for permission to make a temporary "cross-over" road at the Kentish-town Improvement, for the purpose of effecting certain repairs to the Tramway there; stating that the Board's works in connection with the Improvement were completed in August last, and suggesting, that as the new roadways were now under the charge of the Vestry of St. Pancras, the applicants should be referred to them.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

26. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 25th October, 1883, on a Letter from Mrs. B. Dott, relative to alleged settlements in her houses, Nos. 120 and 122, Stepney-green, consequent upon the execution of the Board's Sewerage works in the vicinity; stating that the works of the Ratcliff-highway, &c., Sewers relief line were carried past

the houses in question by Messrs. Mowlem and Co., the Contractors; and that, as under the terms of their Contract they were responsible for any damage caused by the execution of their works, a copy of the Letter had been sent to them; submitting their reply denying that the cracks referred to were due to their operations, and recommending that Mrs. Dott should be informed to that effect.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mrs. Dott be informed accordingly.

27. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 25th October, 1883, recommending that application be made to the Thames Conservators for their sanction to the erection of the temporary Bridge at Hammersmith, during the re-construction of Hammersmith Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that application be made to the Thames Conservators accordingly.

28. The Solicitor stated that in respect of any Bills to be promoted by the Board in the next Session of Parliament, a Gazette notice would have to be inserted in the newspapers, on or about the 12th of November next, and that Plans and Books of Reference must be deposited by the 30th of that month.

29. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements for the undermentioned Loans had been completed, and that the Cheques had been duly handed over in exchange for the proper securities—

	Amount of Loan.
The Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District ...	£32,465 0 0
Ditto do. do.	£12,630 and 2,250 0 0
The Managers of the Central London School District	6,500 0 0

30. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £1,800 to the Vestry of Rotherhithe, and he suggssted that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered as follows—

Whereas, the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Mary, Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of One thousand eight hundred pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the estimated cost to be incurred by the said Vestry in executing new granite-paving works in the Commercial-dock-road, within the said Parish. And whereas, the said Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of One thousand eight hundred pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered, that the sanction in writing of this Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of One thousand eight hundred pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per cent. per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by equal annual instalments within a period of Twenty years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £1,800 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of Rotherhithe; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

31. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Contract with Mr. T. Turner, for the execution of works and repairs to the carriage-ways, foot ways, &c., of the Victoria-embankment road-way, for a period of One year, from the 13th instant.

Conveyance by Miss Eliza Watkins, of the leasehold premises, No. 47, Dudley-street, St. Giles' (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement.)

Appointment of Mr. Vulliamy, as Valuer in the matter of a claim by Messrs. Millett and Swinburne (Trustees of the Will of Mrs. M. Millett) in respect of the freehold premises No. 3, Wells-street, Poplar (Wells-street, Poplar Scheme.)

Conveyance by Mrs. R. Westhorp, of the premises No. 4, Wells-street, Poplar, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Wells-street, Poplar Scheme.)

Conveyance by Mr. G. Burnell, and his Mortgagees, of ground in Goulston-square, Whitechapel, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Goulston-street Scheme.)

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said several documents; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

32. The Solicitor reported that J. Anear, a Messenger in his Department, was suffering from an attack of rheumatism; submitting a Medical Certificate to that effect, and suggesting that the Board should allow Anear a fortnight's leave of absence.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a fortnight's leave of absence be granted to Anear.

33. The Solicitor suggested that the Board should make certain references to Committees with respect to the following matters, viz.—

New approach to Battersea Bridge.—A reference to the Parliamentary Committee to take such steps as might be necessary to insert a Gazette Notice.

Hackney-downs.—A reference to the Parliamentary Committee to take all such steps as might be necessary to give effect to the Board's Resolution of 13th July last, directing that all interests in Hackney Commons should be acquired.

Bridge expenses.—A reference to the Parliamentary Committee to give effect to any Resolution which might be passed by the Works, &c., Committee, and reported to the Board, with reference to any legislation as to the incidence of taxation for Bridge expenses.

Sot's-hole, Plumstead.—Authority to the Works and General Purposes Committee to pass a Resolution as to the acquisition of the property, and to refer it to the Parliamentary Committee to give effect to such Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the suggestion of the Solicitor be acted upon, and that the references be made to the Parliamentary Committee and to the Works and General Purposes Committee, in accordance therewith.

34. The Solicitor suggested, with respect to a Letter from Messrs. Schofield and Co., asking the Board to withdraw a Summons against Messrs. Schofield, White and Co., and returnable at the Greenwich Police-court on Wednesday next, with respect to movable Flood-works, at the Globe Manure Wharf, Rotherhithe, whether the Board might not wish to refer the matter to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with power to act.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. Evans, Clerk to the Billingsgate Ward of the City of London, dated 19th October, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Resolution of the Traffic Committee of that Ward, stating the objections of the Committee to a proposed Bridge across the River Thames, East of London Bridge, and that they were

of opinion that a succession of free Subways of the nature of that recently proposed in the House of Lords would be more desirable.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. S. Wilson, dated 19th October, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Resolution of the United Wards' Club of the City of London, stating that they were of opinion that the Coal and Wine Duties should be extended to the year 1900.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Huntingdon, dated 20th October, 1883, asking the Board to receive a Deputation from a Committee of inhabitants of Kensal-green, and its neighbourhood, accompanied by Sir Algernon Borthwick, to present a Memorial in favour of a Metropolitan Park, distinguished as "Queen's-park."

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Deputation be received by the Board on Friday next, at Twelve o'clock, at noon.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Pullen, dated 23rd October, 1883, complaining of the amount of Dangerous Structure fees charged by Mr. B. Fletcher, District Surveyor for West Newington, &c., in respect of premises in Penton-place and Clarence-place, Walworth.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. F. G. Law, General Manager of the London and Globe Telephone and Maintenance Company, dated 23rd October, 1883, applying for permission to put the Board in communication with the Company's Telephonic Exchange system.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

40. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. E. White, Hon. Secretary of the Plumstead Ratepayers' Reform Association, dated 20th October, 1883, asking that the Parish of Plumstead might be divided into Wards, and the number of Vestrymen increased, and also that the number of Vestrymen of Plumstead on the District Board might be increased.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. C. Mott, Clerk to the Guardians of the Lewisham Union, dated 22nd October, 1883, expressing the regret of the Guardians that the Board were unable to advance to them any money until January next; stating that they would be compelled to obtain the Loan of £4,000 elsewhere; and asking that the Letter from the Local Government Board on the subject might be returned to the Guardians.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be complied with.

42. The Clerk presented a copy Report by the Water Examiner, appointed by the Board of Trade, of the examination made by him of the Water supplied by the Metropolitan Water Companies during the month of September last.

43. The Clerk presented Letters, as follows—

Letter from Mr. H. J. Smith, Clerk to the Vestry of Lambeth, dated 24th October, 1883, stating that the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. John's Waterloo-road, had offered to the Vestry the management and control of the Churchyard, to be used as an open space for the public, and asking the Board to contribute one-half (not exceeding £50) of the expense of the yearly maintenance of the

Churchyard, on condition that the Vestry accepted the care and control of the same for a term of years.

Letter from Messrs. Pontifex, Hewitt and Pitt, on behalf of the Vicar, dated 24th October, 1883, urging the Board to co-operate with the Vestry in relieving the Vicar and Churchwardens of the expense and responsibility of maintaining the Churchyard as an open space and thoroughfare in future.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

44. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Ashurst, and Co., dated 23rd October, 1883, referring to the consent given by the Board, in February last, to a License being obtained from the Board of Trade by the London Street Tramways Company for the use, on the Caledonian-road Tramway, of the Mékarski Automobile Car for three months, and stating that, the License having been granted by the Board of Trade, and having now expired, it was proposed to apply to that Board for a further License for 12 months, as provided by the Tramways Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1879; asking this Board to consent to the application, and stating that the Vestries of Islington and Clerkenwell had given their consent thereto.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

45. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. Hemsley, Clerk to the Acton Local Board, dated 24th October, 1883, taking exception to certain statements made by the Deputation from ratepayers of Acton to this Board on Friday last, and stating that the Local Board were still willing to treat with this Board for the taking of the Sewage of Acton on equitable terms, and that they were desirous of sending a Deputation to the Board to discuss the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

46. The Clerk presented a Letter from Sir T. H. Farrar, Board of Trade, dated 24th October, 1883, with a copy of a draft Scheme for the amalgamation of the South Metropolitan Gas Company with the Gas Light and Coke Company, and asking to be informed of the Board's views thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Scheme be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

47. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 23rd instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·2	16.8	17·1	8·1	7·4	7·8	0·0	0·0	0·0	None.
	Camden ..	16·9	16·4	16·6	9·7	8·8	9·2	0·3	0·2	0·3	,,
	Dalston ..	17·4	17·0	17·2	17·3	14·8	15·9	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Bow . ..	17·9	16·5	17·0	13·4	10·7	12·4	0·8	0·4	0·6	,,
	Chelsea	16·9	16·4	16·6	16·3	10·0	13·1	0·0	0.0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17·5	16·8	17·2	14·0	10·9	12·9	0·3	0·1	0·2	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas) .	21·6	20·8	21·2	10·7	7·1	9·0	0·6	0·2	0.5	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	Station closed for repairs.									
	Tooley-street ..	16·2	16·0	16·1	9·5	7·7	8·6	0·4	0·2	0·2	,,
	Clapham ..	17·0	16·1	16·5	13·5	11·0	11·7	0·3	0·0	0·1	,,
	Lewisham ..	17·0	16·2	16·5	17·2	10·4	13.1	0·6	0·3	0·5	,,
Commercial Gas Company.. . ..	Old Ford ..	17·1	16.3	16·8	8·2	6·3	7·3	0 6	0·2	0·3	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·3	16·1	16·7	19·8	10·6	13·3	0·2	0·1	0·2	,,

The pressure of the Gas, as supplied by the Commercial Gas Company, in Three Colt-street, Limehouse, on the 19th instant at 8 p.m., was 2·10 inches.

48. Chelsea.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. H. Langston, on behalf of Mr. B. Stone, for the consent of the Board to the erection of five houses, with bays and balconies, and a house, with a porch and balcony, on the East side of Oakley-street, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised, without the consent of this Board.

49. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Patterson, on behalf of Mr. J. Crawley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of wooden barge-boards and a porch, to a detached house on the North-East side of Hornsey-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

50. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Winsor and Hancock, on behalf of Mr. Little, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building, upon a portion of the forecourt of the "Scarsdale Arms" Public-house, on the East side of Edwardes-square, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

51. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 9th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. C. Pawley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on the West side of Venner-road, abutting on No. 5, Station-parade, Sydenham-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

52. Mile-end Old-town.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Thompson, on behalf of Mrs. Rands, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an additional storey to a building adjoining Solis-cottage, St. Paul's-road, Bromley, to the line shown upon the Plan, accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

53. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 16th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Sanders, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey addition on the East side of No. 1, Warrington-villas, Maida-vale, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

54. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. B. Tabberer, on behalf of the Building Committee of Southwark-park Chapel, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-story school-building on the West side of Deptford Lower-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

55. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Somerford and Son, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of wooden barge-boards to six houses, on the East side of Eardley-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

56. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Mr. H. Hall, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of an iron building in a yard adjoining No. 29, Layard-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

57. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Cadett, for approval by the Board of the retention, for a further period, of a temporary building, known as the Lava Rink in Grove-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a further period of One year, from this date, upon the conditions contained in the License, dated 29th September, 1882, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the removal of the building.

58. Poplar.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Nicholls, on behalf of Messrs. Hemming and Co., for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building at their works in Morville-street, Bow.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

59. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of the construction of two temporary iron buildings in St. Andrew's-street, Wandsworth-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

60. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. C. Bean, on behalf of Messrs. Isaacs and Florence, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Normand-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

61. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on a Letter from the Board of Works for the Greenwich District relative to the erection of an addition to the "Ordnance Arms" Public-house, in Ordnance-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

62. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, for approval by the Board of a Plan shewing the abandonment of the formation of Sassoon-road, and an alteration in the formation of Drakefell-road, Hatcham Estate, New-cross.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads.

63. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Abbiss, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a continuation of Hunsden-road, Cold-blow-lane, Hatcham, and of the name "Hunsden-road, S.E.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

64. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on a Letter from the Board of Works for the Hackney District, relative to an encroachment upon the public way, by the erection of a fence, at the junction of Hill-street and Filey-crescent, and asking that proceedings might be taken to cause the road to be formed of the width required by law.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

65. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. F. Doll, on behalf of Mr. J. Perry, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a building on the South side of Offord-road, in the position, and to the line shown thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

66. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Down, on behalf of Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Jay-mews, Queen's-gate.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

67. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Whiddington, on behalf of Mr. M. Butterfield, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Adamsrill-road, Sydenham, and of the name "Niederwald-road, S.E.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

68. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Cooke, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of a continuation of Wycliffe-road, Lavender-hill, Battersea, and of the name "Wycliffe-road, S.W.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

69. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. M. Yetts, on behalf of Mr. R. W. Coffee, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the East side of Streatham-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

70. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Phillips and Son, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed in a yard at the rear of the "Pembury Arms" Tavern, in Amhurst-road, Dalston.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

71. Shoreditch.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Blyton, on behalf of Mr. J. McJannett, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed in a yard in Rivington-street, adjoining the North London Railway.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

72. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Osborn and Russell, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of stables, with overhanging walls, and enclosures of weather tiling, at Deepdene House, in Coventry-park, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

73. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Whichcord, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of Fees for special services performed by him in certifying that chimney-breasts at No. 193, Lewisham High-road Deptford, and No. 60, High-street, Deptford, might be cut away.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 20s. in respect of the special service at No. 193, Lewisham High-road; and a Fee of 10s. in respect of his service at No. 60, High-street.

74. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Gatfield, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a barge-board to stables at the rear of Silverdell House, in Kempshott-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

75. Woolwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Siemens Brothers, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the raising of a chimney-shaft at their works at Charlton Pier.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

76. Metropolis.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th October, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, Licenses in respect of the undermentioned

temporary buildings, viz., a studio in Berkeley-grove, Regent's-park-road; a Church in Bolingbroke-road, Hammersmith; and a School in Mantle-road, Lewisham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

77. It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee to enquire and report as to the circumstances connected with the attendance of the Engines at a fire on Wednesday last at premises in White's-grounds, Bermondsey.

Adjourned until Friday, the 2nd November next, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 12.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **2nd** day of **November**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	William Halford Fell, Esq.
Charles Harris, Esq.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	Robert Furniss, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.	George Edwards, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.	John Robert Jolly, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	George Pitney Meaden, Esq.	John Abbott, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	John Jones, Esq.	Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	Robert Jones, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.	John Runtz, Esq.	Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
Robert Freeman, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.	Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
John Reddish, Esq.	William Robson, Esq.	Alfred Pocock, Esq.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.	Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.
George Phillips, Esq.		Thomas Turner, Esq.
		James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 26th October last, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. A Deputation from inhabitants of Kensal-green, and its neighbourhood, introduced by Mr. Urquhart, and consisting of the following gentlemen, viz.—Mr. J. Huntington, Sir A. Borthwick, Mr. C. Woollons, Mr. R. Evans, Mr. A. O. Thomas, Mr. R. T. Hodges, Mr. T. Young, and Mr. H. G. Rawson, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, which was read, as follows—

Proposed Metropolitan Park in the Parish of Willesden, Middlesex, to be called The Queen's Park.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

This humble Petition of inhabitants of the surrounding neighbourhood (comprising Willesden, Kensal-green, Willesden-green, Harlesden, Kilburn-park, Kilburn, St. Paul and Brondesbury; Chelsea, Queen's-park Estate, adjacent streets, and Kensal-new-town; Kensington, North, Kensal-new-town, Portobello, Harrow-road, and Notting-hill; Paddington, Westbourne-green and Maida-vale; Hampstead, St. Mary's and West-end; Hammersmith,

Harrow-road, and College-park Estate, with all the respective adjacent streets and lanes,) whose signatures and addresses are herewith annexed, on behalf of themselves and families, as well as for the benefit of the public in general, dwelling in various parts of the Metropolis of London, and of its contiguous Boroughs, sets forth—

That, at present, there exists in the above neighbourhood no site set apart for public recreation and exercise.

That building speculation is rapidly advancing, filling up all vacant plots, and it may soon encroach upon the site proposed, or parts of it.

That such increased building will most assuredly increase the popular wants now felt, and hereinafter expressed, and also the difficulty of procuring the vacant space so much desired.

That though the proposed site is beyond the Borough limits, the sanction of an Act of Parliament, necessary for its purchase and management, would place it within the control of your Honourable Board.

That there is a large mass of workpeople, of both sexes, besides an enormous gathering of young children, dwelling in these and adjoining parts, who are desirous of obtaining the means of recreation, and exercise in pure air, their numbers in the aggregate amounting, or shortly about to do so, to 100,000 souls, one-third of whom in all probability are young children.

That these persons for the most part have neither sufficient time nor means to avail themselves of transport by rail or road to distant places already set apart for the above purposes.

That the average distances of the localities where your Petitioners dwell are often from $1\frac{3}{4}$ to 2 miles, or more, to the nearest available Parks, namely Regent's-park, Hampstead-heath, and Hyde-park, with Kensington-gardens, as indicated by the annexed Table—

21 approximate distances to open sites or Parks (exclusive of Kensington-gardens), 18 of which are $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles or upwards.

Selected average points of departure.	Hampstead-heath. Furlongs.	Regent's-park. Furlongs.	Hyde-park. Furlongs.	Proposed Queen's-park. Site A. Furlongs.
Brondesbury, from Cavendish-road, Edgware-road	14	18	23	5
Kensal-green, Queen's-park Estate, from Fifth-avenue, 1 street ...	25	19	17	3
Kilburn-park, from Peel-road, Pembroke-road	20	14	16	4
Maida-vale, from Carlton-road ...	18	10	14	7
North Kensington (Portobello), from Portobello-road, Golborne-road ...	29	20	14	7
Notting-hill, from Ladbroke-grove, Elgin-road	31	21	14	10
Paddington, (Westbourne-green) from Harrow-road, Sutherland-gardens	25	12	10	9

That large numbers of persons dwelling in other parts of the Metropolis would also gladly avail themselves of a Park situated where proposed, being as it is most easy of access by road and rail.

That there are actually two Railway Stations abutting on the said site, and three others but little distance from it, and there are omnibuses along the Harrow, Ladbroke-grove, and Edgware Roads, to bring visitors near the said site.

That it is most desirable to secure the said site, because it is well elevated above the surrounding buildings, which stand at about 100 to 113 feet above high water, whereas the proposed site is elevated from 125 to more than 200 feet above high water (according to Ordnance levels), thereby enabling those enjoying the Park to overlook all buildings, and to obtain distant views of Hampstead, the Surrey hills, and beyond Richmond, and securing in all circumstances a pure, free current of air.

That to render the proposed site a truly Metropolitan Park it is suggested by your Petitioners to take in 300 acres altogether, about 120 acres (A) being below, and 180 acres (B) above, the North London Railway.

That a large space is really required as an exercise playground for children, whose only resource now is the confined and sometimes dangerous streets; for they are forbidden to trespass on the fields which compose the proposed site.

That so large an area as proposed enables the ground to be laid out usefully, spaciously, and ornamentally with playgrounds, walks, drives, and lakes both for bathing and for birds, besides trees and gardens, as suggested by the Map hereto annexed.

That the time has arrived, as was lately generally admitted, when your Honourable Board took up the proposal of the Paddington-park, when this neighbourhood and other adjacent parts should enjoy what other districts of London have already obtained.

That this site is by no means an exaggerated demand, when compared with other older and popular Parks, such as Battersea, or Victoria, Old Ford, where the amounts of population are scarcely more important than that of this neighbourhood.

That such a site so suitable should be secured to the public before the speculative builders destroy the natural advantages it offers, being in fact the best to be found, as to openness and elevation, in this entire neighbourhood, and free from any kind of building.

That this site already abounds in trees: and if further a part of Brondesbury wood to the East be secured, it would retain the greatest natural beauty.

That there are already easy modes of communication between the two divisions A and B of the said site by the Kensal-green Station-road, by the Salisbury-road, and by a large occupation Bridge in the centre of the divisions.

That for the greater ease of approach to the lower division from Kilburn-lane for the children of all ages, it is suggested to erect one or two foot-bridges over the London and North-Western Railway.

That the lower division A, although well suited for children's diversions (being nearer to their homes), is not so well adapted, as regards sanitary and health-giving properties, as the more elevated division B (comprising the 200 feet level), which also affords greater privacy for bathing, a want long felt in this neighbourhood.

That the excavations from the upper ponds or lakes (fully 100,000 cubic yards), would afford handsome mounds, when planted, and provide screens to ensure public decency while bathing, which could not be well assured in the lower division A, owing to the short distance to dwellings, and its lower elevation.

That in selecting a site less than 300 acres the higher division B is to be preferred to the lower one A, the former having from its greater height a freer access of air, and a better prospect, and being capable also of expansion; and also probably being obtainable for a more reasonable sum: also, the public visiting these grounds would criticise the omission of the superior qualities of the division B, while a judicious choice of both A and B would generally please, because generally suited to all ages.

That although the cost of purchasing the said site, with that of laying out the Park to afford the numerous kinds of diversions, such as are seen in other Parks, may at first sight appear to be heavy, perhaps approaching to £430,000, and its maintenance amounting possibly to £4,000 a year, yet in view of the immense benefits it will afford to this locality, and to the London population generally in regard to health, and physical enjoyment, your Petitioners do not consider that they are seeking for more than the great occasion warrants.

That the powerful influence of your Honourable Board would greatly facilitate economical arrangements with the owners of the said site (the Church Commissioners, and other Freeholders), and the carrying out of the necessary works, and maintenance.

That unless your Honourable Board view this our Petition with that favour which your Petitioners hope for, they see no other opportunity of bettering their present neglected condition, as regards recreation, air, and health, for themselves, children and neighbours in general.

That this opportunity, if lost, will, owing to the circumstances, be irretrievable.

That the dwellings surrounding, and adjacent to the said site, are mainly, if not wholly, inhabited by persons far too poor to do anything towards purchasing, setting out, or managing such a site by themselves.

That they are in consequence obliged to seek external aid in order to supply the funds needed.

That a very small rate on each dwelling, not to exceed one penny in the pound ratable, spread over a large Metropolitan area, would amply find these funds, which might be made re-payable over, say 25 to 26 years, at a fair rate of interest.

That the rate of one penny per pound on 360,000 houses, only of an average ratable value of £20 a-year, would yield £30,000 a-year, and would suffice to re-pay capital borrowed, with interest; though, if spread over the whole of London, one halfpenny per pound would more than suffice.

That being Metropolitan ratepayers, this neighbourhood has already largely contributed (and continues to do so) to the improvements and conveniences enjoyed by other parts, and it seems fair that some return should be made to this neighbourhood in compensation.

That, as ratepayers, this neighbourhood would still bear its share of the Rate imposed for the objects sought for, in common with the rest of the Metropolis, or with some limited parts thereof, such as the North and West.

Therefore your Petitioners heartily pray your Honourable Board to accept this statement, and to use all your weight and influence in Parliament, and out of it, to secure for them the benefits herein enumerated.

(Signed) W. FRENCH,
No. 63, Treverton-street.
And 3,795 others.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

3. Mr. Richardson handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Greenwich District,
141, Greenwich-road, Greenwich, S.E.,
1st November, 1883.

Sir,—It having been stated to my Board that it was in contemplation to establish a free Ferry, for vehicular and other, traffic across the Thames, within this District, I am directed to state, for the information of the Metropolitan Board of Works, that my Board, after careful consideration of the subject, is unanimously of opinion that the public convenience would be best served by the establishment of such a Ferry from the Horseferry-road, Greenwich, to the opposite side of the River.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. SPENCER,
Clerk of the Board.

To the Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

4. Mr. Richardson handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Greenwich District,
141, Greenwich-road, Greenwich, S.E.,
1st November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed to inform you that at a Meeting of this Board, held last evening, it was resolved, "That, in the opinion of this Board, the restrictions placed upon the ancient "right of Public Meeting on Blackheath by the Metropolitan Board of Works are vexatious "and unnecessary, and in direct violation of such rights," and that I should address a Letter on

behalf of this Board to the Metropolitan Board of Works, requesting that the Bye-laws imposing such restrictions might be altered. I shall be obliged by your laying this Letter before the Metropolitan Board of Works at their next Meeting.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. SPENCER,
Clerk of the Board.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

5. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Parish of St. George, Hanover-square,
Board-room, Mount-street, W.,
1st November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—The Vestry, on 19th May, 1882, when the Metropolis Management and Buildings Acts Amendment Bill was before Parliament, wrote to the Metropolitan Board of works, asking them to insert a Clause in the Bill to enable Vestries and District Boards, in granting Licenses for hoardings to attach conditions prohibiting a hoarding being used for advertising purposes, and providing for a penalty of not more than £5 per day for an infringement of such condition.

In reply you wrote, on the 25th May, that the Bill had passed the House of Commons, but that, should a favourable opportunity arise, the Board would do what it could to comply with the suggestion of the Vestry.

The Vestry have to-day directed me to remind the Board of this correspondence, and to ask that a Clause for securing the above-named provisions may be introduced into one of the Bills of the Board now in course of preparation.

The absence of such provision tends to encourage the retention of hoardings longer than is absolutely necessary for the works they enclose, and leads to a frequent disfigurement of the public highways.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. H. SMITH,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

6. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

St. George, Hanover-square,
Board-room, Mount-street, W.,
1st November, 1883.

Ventilation of Sewers.

Dear Sir,—The Vestry of this Parish at their Meeting to-day had under consideration a copy of the following Resolution of the Vestry of Tooting-gravency on the subject of the Ventilation of Sewers, viz.—

> "That this Vestry memorialise the Metropolitan Board of Works to get powers from "Parliament for the more efficient Ventilation of the Sewers by means of other "than open gratings in the roads."

The Vestry approved of the Resolution of the Vestry of Tooting-graveney, and directed me to inform the Metropolitan Board of Works accordingly.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. H. SMITH,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

7. Mr. Elam handed in a Letter, as follows—

St. James's, Westminster,
Vestry-hall, Piccadilly, W.
1st November, 1883.

Sir,—The Vestry of this Parish have had under consideration a Letter from the Vestry of Tooting, stating that they have memorialised the Metropolitan Board to seek powers from Parliament for the more efficient ventilation of the Sewers by means of other than open gratings in the road, and I am instructed to acquaint you that the Vestry concur in the views expressed in such Letter.

I am, &c,,
(Signed) HARRY WILKINS,
Vestry Clerk.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Elam, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

8. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Works and General Purposes Committee.

Spring-gardens, 29th October, 1883.

Under the authority conferred upon them, your Committee have drawn the following Cheques :—

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Main Drainage and Main Sewers.		
Re Jackson (Putney to Clapham)—(2337)—			
Corsellis, Son and Mossop—			
1021	Solicitors' Costs, as per Order of Committee ...		3 3 -
	Streets (Act of 1872).		
Re Cooper (Old-street)—(2338)—			
Lowless and Co.—			
4817	Half-year's Annuity (less Tax) on life of Mrs. Leworthy, due Midsummer, 1883 ...		9 15 3
	Streets (Act of 1877).		
Re Pritchard's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2339)—			
Allen, F., and Pritchard, Mrs. E.—			
6506	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 3, Thorney-street...	370 - -	
Isaacs and Florence—			
6507	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	11 11 -	
Re Hunter's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(2340)—			
Willoughby and Winch—			
6508	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	37 - -	
Re Metcalfe's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(2360)—			
Thompson and Groom—			
6509	Costs of Title, &c., and of interim Investment ...	62 - -	
	Carried forward	£480 11 -	12 18 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	480 11 –	12 18 3
Re Johnston (Gray's-inn-road)—(2341)—		
Janson, Cobb and Pearson—		
6510 Interest on Purchase-money, from 3rd July to 19th October, 1883 (less Tax)	7 19 4	
Re Watkins (Piccadilly)—(2342)—		
Tathams and Proctor—		
6511 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	12 8 2	
Re Idle (Piccadilly)—(2343)—		
Idle, T.—		
6512 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 8, Bloomsbury-street, and Trade compensation	800 – –	
Baines, C., and Ball—		
6513 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	18 18 –	
Re Le Dieu (Charing-cross, &c.)—(2344, 2345 and 2346)—		
Rye and Eyre—		
6514 Costs of Petition for payment out of fund in Court (Porter-street)	26 5 8	
6515 Costs of Title and Conveyance (Princes-row) ...	45 6 –	
6516 Costs of Petition for payment out of Fund in Court (Princes-row)	33 17 1	
Re Glossop (Piccadilly)—(2347)—		
Phillips, J. and J.—		
6517 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	27 – –	
Re Golden (Piccadilly)—(2348)—		
Golden, C.—		
6518 Compensation for removal from No. 5, Great White Lion-street	20 – –	
		1,472 5 3
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Garton—(2349)—		
Garton, E.—		
31 Purchase-money for Fee-simple of No. 179, Tooley-street, and premises at rear	2,450 – –	
Oliver, H.—		
32 Surveyor's Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	27 6 –	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
33 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	12 5 –	
Re Billing and Newman—(2350)—		
Billing, A., and Newman, A. H.—		
34 Part Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 184 and 185, Tooley-street ... ... £519 – –		
35 Balance of same ... ... 981 – –		
	1,500 – –	
Roberts, T. A.—		
36 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	22 1 –	
		4,011 12 –
Carried forward		£5,496 15 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	5,496 15 6
Bridges (Act of 1881).		
Plaskitt, J.—(2351)—		
Steward's Fee for enrolment of Conveyances—		
526 *Re* W. C. Smith (Putney) ... £5 5 –		
,, Franks ,, ... 5 5 –		
,, Pass ,, ... 5 5 –		
,, Pope ,, ... 5 5 –		
,, S. King ,, ... 5 5 –		
	26 5 –	
Re Dallett's Trustees (Putney)—(2352 and 2353)—		
Hare and Co.—		
527 Costs of Title and Conveyance	35 – –	
528 Proportion of Tenants' Rents from Michaelmas to 24th October, 1883 (less tax)	7 14 3	
Re Miller (Putney)—(2354)—		
Hare and Co.—		
529 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	15 10 10	
		84 10 1
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Jones's Trustees (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2355)—		
Oxley, F.—		
4995 Costs of Arbitration	9 9 –	
Re Turner and Knight (Goulston-street)—(2356)—		
One-quarter's Rent in respect of Nos. 8 to 10, Inkhorn-court, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less tax)—		
4996 Mackreth, Bramall and White ... £4 17 11		
4997 Loughborough and Co. 4 17 11		
	9 15 10	
Re Hayes (Goulston-street)—(2357)—		
Hayes, J.—		
4998 Compensation for weekly tenancy in No. 68, Goulston-street	25 – –	
Warlters, Lovejoy and Miles—(2279)—		
4999 Charges in respect of sale of Public-house site and Licenses, January and February, 1883...	99 – –	
		143 4 10
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Graves (Piccadilly)—(2358)—		
Graves, T.—		
963 Rent of workshops at rear of No. 21, Litchfield-street, Soho, Quarter to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)	35 15 –	
Re Hudson (Piccadilly)—(2359)—		
Hudson, W.—		
964 One-quarter's rent of No. 8, King-street, Soho, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)	11 15 –	
		47 10 –
		£5,772 – 5

Your Committee have proceeded on the Resolution of the Board of the 3rd August last (No. 29), referring it to them to consider and report as to the desirability of the Board introducing a Bill in the next Session of Parliament to effect the removal of the remaining Ventilators constructed by the Metropolitan District Railway Company on the Victoria Embankment, and elsewhere, without the limits of the City. Your Committtee have fully considered the previous proceedings with regard to the Ventilators, both in and out of Parliament, and they are of opinion that the Board, in the public interest, should not allow the matter to rest as it is. They therefore recommend—

> That the Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps to introduce a Bill, in the next Session of Parliament, to effect the removal of the Ventilators constructed by the Metropolitan District Railway Company, on the Victoria Embankment and elsewhere, without the limits of the City of London.

Your Committee have proceeded on your Resolution of the 30th July last (No. 6.), referring to them, for consideration and report, the question of the desirability of having a Clause inserted in one of the Board's Bills to place the charges for the maintenance of Bridges on the General Rate instead of the Sewers Rate. At the present time Bridge expenses are partly raised as a Sewers Rate, and partly as a General Rate. Those levied for the cost of acquiring the Bridges, under the Toll Bridges Act of 1877. are raised as a General Rate, whilst the cost of the new Bridges at Putney and Battersea, and the new works at Vauxhall and Deptford-creek, under the Act of 1881, and the cost of the new Hammersmith Bridge, under the Act of 1883, are to be levied as a Sewers Rate, in common with the cost of all the Board's Improvements. It appears to your Committee that Bridge expenditure, as a whole, should be charged upon one and the same Rate, and they recommend—

> That a Clause be inserted in one of the Board's Bills, to be promoted next Session place the charges for the maintenance of Bridges on the General Rate instead of the Sewers Rate.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 28th September last (No. 85), from the Plumstead District Board, asking this Board to acquire a piece of Freehold land, about one acre in extent, at the South-West corner of Plumstead-common, and known as Sot's-hole, for the purpose of adding it to the Common ; and transmitting copies of a Letter and documents sent to the Local Government Board on the subject. It appears to your Committee desirable that the land in question should, if practicable, be added to the Common, and they recommend that a Clause be inserted in one of the Board's Bills to be promoted in the next Session, to enable the Board to acquire it for that purpose.

Your Committee have considered the Memorial, referred by the Board on the 22nd June last (No. 5), from the Wandsworth District Board, on the subject of the construction of the proposed new Bridge over the Thames, at Battersea, and urging the Board to construct the Bridge in accordance with a Plan submitted by the District Board. In connection with the subject your Committee have also considered the Memorial, referred to them at the same time, from manufacturers, traders, and others, at Battersea, praying the Board to alter the line of Bridge and approach. The Memorialists urge that, should the Bridge and approach be formed in strict accordance with the deposited Plan, it will prove very injurious to the interests of the district, and inconvenient to the traffic ; and they point out what would, in their opinion, be a more desirable method of constructing the proposed new Bridge and its Southern approach. It is further represented that the property required for effecting the alteration is, with the exception of three Wharves, of an ordinary or inferior character, and, under compulsory powers, should be obtained at a moderate cost, and that the ground so acquired will materially increase in value on the completion of the new Bridge, thus realising a considerable re-coupment. The largest interest to be dealt with is that of the London Steamboat Company, who have an entrance to their premises from Bridge-road, and with whom your Committee are in negociation. The Memorialists are willing to dispense with the construction of a temporary Bridge,

during the building of a new Bridge, which will in itself greatly facilitate the operations of the Board. Your Committee, having considered all the circumstances, and having conferred with your Officers, are of opinion that the prayer of the Memorialists should be complied with, and that the extra expense involved should be defrayed by the Board, and your Committee therefore submit the following recommendation—

That, subject to a satisfactory Agreement being concluded with the London Steamboat Company, with regard to their property at Battersea, the Board do apply to Parliament, in the next Session, to alter the line of the Surrey approach to the new Battersea Bridge in accordance with the Plan now submitted.

In pursuance of the authority given to them by the Resolution of the Board of the 12th instant (No. 27), your Committee have had a conference with the Select Water Supply Committee of the Corporation of the City of London on the subject of the amendment of the law now in force regulating the supply of Water to the Metropolis. The Committee of the Corporation made certain suggestions for the amendment of the present laws, but, pending the result of the Board's intended application to Parliament for an Act to remove the disability under which they at present labour with regard to dealing with the Water supply, they are not in a position to further consider the matter. Your Committee recommend—

That the Committee of the Corporation be informed to the foregoing effect.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Treasury, referred to them on the 28th September last (No. 52), on the subject of the Board's proposal for a prolongation of the period within which the Coal and Wine Duties are authorised to be levied, in view of the necessity for further works of Improvement in the Metropolis, and asking for information with respect to the Board's future financial policy. A Sub-Committee have prepared the Draft of a proposed reply to this Letter, which draft your Committee have considered and adopted, and they now beg to submit it, and to recommend—

That it be approved and sent to the Treasury.

Your Committee have considered the Memorial, referred to them on the 22nd December last (No. 4), from the St. Olave District Board, asking this Board, in carrying out the works for the widening of Tooley-street, under their Various Powers Act, 1882, to consider as to the desirability of making such alterations in the new street as will form an easier approach to London Bridge. Your Committee learn from your Engineer that the proposed widening of Tooley-street, on the South side, from Bermondsey-street towards Duke-street, offers no facilities for raising this part of Tooley-street, as it could not be done without seriously interfering with the existing levels of the door-ways and cart-ways on the opposite, or North side of the Street, which the Board have no power to do. Under these circumstances your Committee recommend—

That the St. Olave District Board be informed that the Board are not prepared to comply with the request.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 6th July last (No. 4), from the St. Saviour's District Board, relative to complaints of offensive smells arising from the Main Sewer in Union-street, and suggesting as a remedy that ventilating shafts should be connected with the Sewer, and carried to the tops of adjacent houses. Your Engineer has reported to your Committee that the smells complained of have, since the date of the Letter, much abated, partly through the lowering of the temperature, but chiefly, it is said, through some offensive discharge from a Manufactory having ceased. In June last your Engineer gave orders to let a large quantity of Thames water flow through the Sewers in this locality, which are favourably situated for being thus dealt with. Your Committee learn that there are only six ventilators in Union-street, and that one is closed, and that another has been connected with a ventilating pipe carried up to the top of an adjoining building, thus leaving four open. The street is narrow, and the locality closely built. Your Engineer recommends that the open gratings in those ventilators be changed for "box grates,"

and that, in this case, the ventilators be closed by means of an iron plate, which can be temporarily removed when it is necessary for workmen to go into the Sewer. There are also in the street 25 gullies which are probably the chief source of the complaint. Your Engineer therefore further recommends that flaps be fixed at the mouths of those gully drains. The cost of that, and of the new box gratings, will probably be about £40. Your Committee concur in the suggestions of your Engineer, and recommend that they be adopted.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 19th instant (No. 38), from the St. Saviour's District Board, referring to an application, made in July last, to this Board for an opportunity for their Surveyor and Medical Officer to inspect and examine the new length of Sewer in Southwark-bridge-road, before the same was closed; and again requesting that this Board will afford the Surveyor of the District Board an opportunity to inspect and examine the Sewer. Your Committee reported upon the former Letter on the 22nd June last, and a communication was sent to the District Board in accordance with their recommendation. Your Committee have now received from your Engineer a Report, giving satisfactory reasons why the present application cannot be acceded to, and they beg to recommend—

That the District Board be informed to the effect suggested by your Engineer.

Your Committee have considered your Engineer's Report, referred to them on the 5th instant (No. 13), on a Letter from Mr. James White, lately in the temporary employ of the Board as a Special Clerk of Works, asking for some pecuniary assistance. Your Committee have consulted your Solicitor on the application, and are advised that the Board have no power to comply with the request. They recommend—

That Mr. White be so informed in reply to his Letter.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 3rd August last (No. 53), from the Hackney District Board, transmitting a Plan showing a proposed Improvement from Mare-street to High-street, Homerton, and asking this Board to take up the same as a Metropolitan Improvement, and to include it in this year's general list. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and are unable to regard the Improvement as one of a Metropolitan character. They recommend—

That the District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter, that in the opinion of this Board the work must be regarded as a Local Improvement, and this the Board would favourably consider an application from the District Board on that basis.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 28th September last (No. 72), from the Hackney District Board, transmitting a Plan of an Improvement which they propose to carry out in Homerton-row, at an estimated cost of £160, and asking this Board to contribute a moiety of the cost. Homerton-row is a narrow turning leading from High-street to Brooksby's-walk and the Priory Estate, and, at its junction with Plough-lane, is at present only 10 feet wide. This width of the road will be increased to about 22 feet, and your Superintending Architect is of opinion that the Improvement is desirable, and that the cost is fair and reasonable. Your Committee, having viewed the locality, concur in that opinion, and they accordingly recommend—

That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £80, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same; and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in the Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Hackney District Board, referred to them on the 4th May last (No. 42), for a contribution towards the cost of

an Improvement proposed to be effected by them in Urswick-road, Lower Clapton. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and have received a Report from your Superintending Architect, stating that the estimated cost (£83 12s.) is not excessive, and they beg to recommend—

> That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £41, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee have also had under consideration the application of the Hackney District Board, referred to them on the 8th June last (No. 27), for a contribution towards the cost, estimated at £40, of a proposed Improvement in Church-street, Stoke Newington. Your Superintending Architect reports that the cost is reasonable, and your Committee recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £20, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work and by the Accountant of the of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee have considered further the application of the Hackney District Board, referred to them on the 10th November last (No. 6), for a contribution towards the cost of widening Church-street, Stoke Newington, opposite Nos. 31, 33 and 35. The Board, on the 25th May last, directed that the District Board should be informed that, provided they put in force their powers under Michael Angelo Taylor's Act, for continuing the widening in front of No. 37, Church-street, the Board would be prepared to contribute one-half of the cost of the entire Improvement. A Letter, referred by the Board to your Committee on the 3rd August last (No. 52), was received from the District Board in reply, stating that they had arranged for extending the widening, so as to include the land in front of No. 37, and that the cost of the entire Improvement was £850. Your Superintending Architect reports that the amount, though full, is not excessive, and your Committee recommend—

> That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £425, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 19th instant (No. 33), from the St. Saviour's District Board asking for a re-consideration of the question of the formation of a proposed new street from Park-street and Sumner-street to Bankside, and enquiring, in the event of this Board still regarding the work as a Local Improvement, whether, upon the District Board contributing a portion of the cost, this Board would be willing to include the Scheme in one of their Street Improvement Bills. Your Committee recommend—

> That the District Board be informed that, upon condition that they will contribute one-half of the cost of the work, the Board will include the same in some Bill to be promoted by them in Parliament.

Your Committee have to report that, in carrying out the Whitechapel and Limehouse Artizans' Dwellings Act Improvement Scheme, the Board have appropriated the site in Darby-street, and have constructed, as an approach to the Darby-street Schools, a short

thoroughfare, 30 feet wide, leading from Cartwright-street into Blue Anchor-yard. Your Committee recommend—

That the new thoroughfare be named "Darby-street, E."

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
DONALD MUNRO,
JOHN ROBERT JOLLY,
HENRY HARBEN,
FRANCIS HAYMAN FOWLER,
WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
GEO. EDWARDS.

The Plan of the approach to the new Battersea Bridge, and the draft of the Letter proposed to be sent in reply to the communication from the Treasury, on the subject of the Board's proposal for a prolongation of the period within which the Coal and Wine Duties are authorised to be levied, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Solicitor be instructed to take steps for introducing, in the next Session of Parliament, a Bill to effect the removal of the remaining Ventilators constructed by the Metropolitan District Railway Company on the Victoria Embankment, and elsewhere without the limits of the City of London.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Clause be inserted in one of the Board's Bills, to be promoted in the next Session of Parliament, to place the charges for the maintenance of Bridges on the General Rate instead of the Sewers Rate.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Clause be inserted in one of the Board's Bills, to be promoted in the next Session of Parliament, for power to enable the Board to acquire a piece of Freehold land, about one acre in extent, at the South-West corner of Plumstead-common, and known as Sot's-hole, for the purpose of adding it to the Common.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to a satisfactory Agreement being entered into with the London Steamboat Company, with regard to their property at Battersea, the Board do apply to Parliament, in the next Session, to alter the line of the Surrey approach to the new Battersea Bridge, in accordance with the Plan submitted with the Report of the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Select Water Supply Committee of the Corporation of the City of London be informed, with reference to their suggestions for an amendment of the laws now in force regulating the supply of Water to the Metropolis, that the Board have determined to apply to Parliament, in the ensuing Session, for an Act to remove the disability under which they labour in regard to dealing with the Water supply, and that, until the result of their application shall be known, the Board are unable to further consider the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the draft reply, now submitted, to the Letter from the Treasury, on the subject of the Board's proposal for a prolongation of the period within which the Coal and Wine Duties are authorised to be levied, be approved and sent.

The motion having been put to the vote, there were for it 33, against it 1; and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the two Letters referred to in

the foregoing Resolution be printed; that a copy thereof be supplied to each Member of the Vestries and District Boards in the Metropolis, and to such other persons as the Chairman of the Board may direct; and that a sufficient number of copies of the Letters be printed for that purpose.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the St. Olave District Board be informed, in reply to their Memorial asking the Board to make such alterations in the widening of Tooley-street as will form an easier approach to London Bridge, by way of Duke-street, that the Board are not prepared to comply with the request.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, and seconded—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and, having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the several works recommended by the Committee with a view to removing the cause of complaints of offensive smells from the Main Sewer in Union-street referred to in the Letter from the St. Saviour's District Board, be executed at an estimated cost of £40, to be charged to the General Account of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Saint Saviour's District Board be informed to the effect recommended in the Report made by the Engineer, in reply to their request that their Surveyor might have an opportunity of inspecting the new length of Sewer in Southwark-bridge-road.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. James White, lately in the temporary employ of the Board as a Special Clerk of Works, be informed, in reply to his application for pecuniary assistance, that the Board regret that they have no power to accede to his request.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Hackney District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter as to a proposed Improvement from Mare-street to High-street, Homerton, that in the opinion of this Board the work must be regarded as a Local Improvement, and that they would favourably consider a proposal from the District Board on that basis.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£160) of an Improvement in Homerton-row, by the Hackney District Board, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £80, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same; and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£83 12s.) of an Improvement in Urswick-road, Lower Clapton, by the Hackney District Board, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £41, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£40) of an Improvement at Church-street, Stoke Newington, by the Hackney District Board, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £20, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the

contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£850) of an Improvement by the widening of Church-street, Stoke Newington, opposite Nos. 31, 33, 35 and 37, in that Street, by the Hackney District Board, such contribution not to exceedthe sum of £425, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the St. Saviour's District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter on the subject of a suggested new street from Park-street and Sumner-street to Bankside, that, upon condition that they will contribute one-half of the cost of the work, this Board will include the Improvement in some Bill to be promoted by them in Parliament.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the short thoroughfare, formed by the Board in connection with the Whitechapel and Limehouse Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act Scheme, and leading from Cartwright-street into Blue Anchor-yard, be named "Darby-street, E."

9. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 30th October, 1883.

Your Committee have considered the Letters from the Vestry of Bermondsey and the St. Olave District Board, referred by the Board on the 19th instant (Nos. 6 and 10), complaining of the action of the Fire Brigade at the fire at Butler's Wharf, on the 8th instant. The Vestry of Bermondsey complains that some hose belonging to Messrs. Courage and Co., the owners of adjacent premises, which was being effectively used for limiting the area of the fire, was cut by the Fire Brigade, the consequence being that not only was the hose damaged but a supply of water was cut off. The Clerk of the St. Olave District Board forwards copies of Letters addressed to him and to the Editor of the *Daily News* by Mr. H. Lafone, the owner of Butler's Wharf. Mr. Lafone makes the same complaint as the Bermondsey Vestry with respect to the cutting of Messrs. Courage and Co's. hose; he also alleges that it was 40 minutes after the fire broke out before the first manual Engine arrived; and he expresses the opinion that the Steam Fire-engines now in use are not sufficiently powerful for putting out fires in high buildings. With respect to the power or size of the Steam Fire-engines, the Chief Officer states that these Engines have been proved by experience to be the most suitable for the Fire Brigade work; that there may be a few parts of London where larger Engines might be occasionally used, but that Bermondsey is not one of them, and that it would be an advantage to the Brigade if it could always obtain a sufficient supply of water for such Engines as it has. With respect to the allegation of delay, the Chief Officer states that the call to the fire was received by the Fire Brigade at 11.26 p.m., and that the first Engine arrived at 11.31, so that if any delay occurred it was not on the part of the Fire Brigade, but on the part of those who should have called the Brigade to the fire more promptly. The complaint that Messrs. Courage and Co.'s hose was cut was investigated by the Chief Officer, and although the Fireman who was accused alleged that he only tightened the couplings of the hose with his axe, because water was spurting from it over the hot boiler of one of the Brigade Steamers, the Chief Officer considered the accusation proved, and inflicted upon the man a severe reprimand and a fine. In the Letter from the Vestry of Bermondsey, it is stated

that on another occasion the Officers of the Brigade cut hose belonging to other persons. No particular occasion is mentioned in the Letter from the Vestry, but the Chief Officer states that at a meeting of the Vestry mention was made of hose having been cut at the fires at Davis's Wharf and Meriton's Wharf. These two fires occurred 19 years and 22 years ago respectively; and it is of course impossible to investigate circumstances stated to have occurred so long ago. The Chief Officer states, however, that he has no recollection of having heard these accusations before. It appears to your Committee that the proper course will be to reply to the Vestry of Bermondsey, and the St. Olave District Board in accordance with the Chief Officer's Report, and they recommend accordingly.

Your Committee have, in accordance with the reference made to them on the 26th instant (No. 77), considered the report in the *Standard* newspaper of the 25th instant, of a fire which occurred on the previous day at Messrs. Jordan and Wild's Steam Grinding Mills, in White's-grounds, Bermondsey. There is nothing in the newspaper report which implies that there was any want of alacrity or of efficient action on the part of the Fire Brigade, and your Committee believe that the reference was made in consequence of the statement that the Fire Brigade stationed at Tooley-street, on receipt of information of the fire, communicated at once by Telegraph with the Chief Station of the district, in Kennington, and that it was from the latter Station that information was sent to the Head Quarters of the Brigade, although the Head Quarters, being in Southwark-bridge-road, are nearer to Tooley-street than Kennington is. It is necessary to explain that in the Fire Brigade, every Station is in communication, by Telegraph or Telephone, with the Chief Station of the District in which it is situated, each District being for such purposes regarded as a whole, and that the Chief Station of each District is in like communication with the Head Quarters or central Station. This system has been in operation many years, and the Chief Officer states, as the result of his long experience and careful study of the subject, that the system is practically the best that can be devised, although in some particular instances it may at first sight seem that a Station which is nearer to the Head Quarters than to the Chief Station of the District should communicate with the Head Quarters direct rather than with the District Station. Your Committee having heard the Chief Officer's explanation, quite agree with him that the system adopted by the Brigade is the best. In the present instance the call was received at the Tooley-street Station at 6.51 p.m., and a Curricle-engine arrived at the fire at 6.54 p.m. At the same moment the Tooley-street Steam-engine returned from a fire in another part of London, and at once proceeded to the fire at White's-grounds, arriving there at 6.56 p.m. Other Engines followed in rapid succession, until there were a much larger number of Steam-engines than could be supplied with Water. It would appear, therefore, that there was no want of rapidity on the part of the Fire Brigade. Your Committee report the facts for the Board's information.

The Chief Officer has reported that, having tried for some time the Fire Ladder, obtained from the United States, and known as Hayes's Extension Ladder, and found it to be of great assistance in enabling the Brigade to deal with fires in lofty buildings, he is of opinion that it would be of advantage to obtain a number of high ladders for use at fires. He accordingly suggests that the Board should obtain six telescopic Fire Ladders, or Fire Escapes, and six Vans to carry the same. Your Committee are of opinion that the Chief Officer's suggestion should be complied with. They accordingly recommend—

> That they be authorised to obtain the articles referred to, and that, as they will be an addition to the plant of the Brigade, the cost be charged to the Capital Account.

The new Fire Brigade Station at Kentish-town is on the point of completion, and the Chief Officer recommends that a Steam-engine should be placed there. For this purpose it will be necessary to obtain a new Engine, and your Committee, having obtained Tenders from Messrs. Shand, Mason, and Co., and Messrs. Merryweather and Sons, recommend—

That the Tender of Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co., to supply a new Engine for the sum of £375, be accepted.

The Post-office authorities have requested that an additional Fireman may be placed on special duty at the Post-office buildings, upon the same terms as regards payment as those upon which the other Firemen there are employed, that is to say, that the Postmaster-General shall pay £133 8s. a year for the man's services. Your Committee recommend—

That the request of the Post-office authorities be complied with, and that for this purpose one man be removed from the First Class of Firemen to the class of Special Duty men, whose pay is the same as that of the First Class; that a promotion be made in each Class below to fill the vacancy thus caused in the First Class; and that the staff of the Brigade be increased by the addition of one man.

The man to be added will, of course, be appointed in the Fourth Class.

Your Committee have had before them a Report by the Chief Officer, and a Certificate from one of the Medical Officers, to the effect that William H. Taylor, a First-class Fireman, is suffering from lung disease, and is incapacitated from further service in the Brigade. The Chief Officer states that, on the 2nd June last, Taylor was working at a fire at Orchard Wharf, Blackwall, when he was knocked down and injured by the fall of a wall; and the Medical Officer states that the shock following this injury, probably accelerated and intensified the disorder from which Taylor is now suffering. Taylor was born in August, 1844, and joined the Brigade in September, 1868. He has thus completed 15 years' service. Under ordinary circumstances Taylor's Pension would be 10s. 3d. a week; but taking into consideration the Medical Officer's statement as to the probable effect of the injury which Taylor met with at the fire, your Committee are of opinion that the Board should grant him a Pension of 15s. a week, Taylor is a married man with one child. Your Committee recommend—

That Taylor be discharged, and that a Pension of 15s. a week be granted to him.

Your Committee have to report that First-class Fireman Oliver Auger, and Second-class Fireman John L. Churcher have withdrawn from the service, and that their names have accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Your Committee have to recommend—

That the following promotions be made, viz.—Second-class Fireman Charles Dennis to the First Class; Third-class Firemen Leonard Davis and James M. Briden to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Firemen H. F. Norman and Samuel W. Wright to the Third Class.

They have further to recommend—

That Charles W. Ashby be enrolled in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

Your Committee have to report, for the information of the Board, that they have given orders for 10,700 feet of rubber lined canvas Hose of $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch diameter, to be obtained from Messrs. McGregor and Co., of Dundee, at a cost of £8 6s. per 100 feet. 10,000 feet are required in place of Hose which is nearly worn out, and the other 700 feet are for the new Station at Kentish-town, at which a Steam Fire-engine is to be placed.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. R. SELWAY,
WM. ROBSON,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W. J. WETENHALL,
GEORGE HILL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That a Letter, founded upon the Report of the Chief Officer be sent to the Vestry of Bermondsey and the St. Olave

District Board, in reply to their Letters, relative to the circumstances connected with the fire at Butler's Wharf.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the fire at Messrs. Jordan and Wilde's steam-grinding Mills, in White's-fields, Bermondsey, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the Committee be authorised to obtain six telescopic Fire-ladders and six Vans to carry the same; and that the cost be charged to the Fire Brigade Capital Account.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That a new Steam Fire-engine be obtained of Messrs. Shand, Mason and Co., at a cost of £375.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That an additional Fireman be placed on special duty at the Post Office, the Postmaster-General paying £133 8s. a year for his services; that for that purpose one man be removed from the First Class of Firemen to the class of Special Duty men, and that the staff of the Brigade be increased by the addition of one Fourth-class Fireman.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That First-class Fireman W. H. Taylor, who is certified to be incapacitated by infirmity for further service in the Brigade, be discharged, and that a Pension of 15s. a week be granted to him.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the following promotions be made, viz.—Second-class Fireman Charles Dennis to the First Class; Third-class Firemen Leonard Davis and James M. Briden to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Firemen H. F. Norman and Samuel W. Wright to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Charles W. Ashby be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

10. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 30th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter from Messrs. Sclanders and Co., enclosing a Specification issued from the Patent Office (A.D. 1881, No. 3,292) of an invention for facilitating exit from places of public entertainment in case of fire, referred by the Board on the 5th instant (No. 37). The invention in question consists of a new "escape door fastening," invented by Mr. J. P. Black, of Nelson, New Zealand, who has transmitted to this country a working model of the same, which has been inspected by your Committee. The doors of public buildings, to which the invention is intended to be applied, are proposed to be made to open in two folds outwards, and the fastening consists of top and bottom spring-bolts, which can be simultaneously released by depressing a handle placed within reach of the audience. It is asserted by the inventor that the action of the mechanism is not affected by any amount of pressure upon the doors from within, such as might occur in case of panic, and that it is not liable to get out of order. Your Committee have not had an opportunity of seeing the "escape door fastening" in actual use, as it appears that it has not yet been manufactured in this country, but they are of opinion that the invention is likely to prove useful in Theatres and other public buildings.

The Board, on the 29th June last (No. 10), approved the course taken by your Committee in instructing your Solicitor to consent to the adjournment, for four weeks, of the Summons against the Owners of the Adelphi Theatre for failing to complete the alterations necessary for remedying the structural defects of the building. The case was subsequently further adjourned from time to time by the Magistrate at the Bow-street Police-court, partly for the purpose of affording the Defendants a longer period for the execution of the works, and partly in consequence of the absence of

important witnesses. The decision of the Magistrate was given on the 12th instant. On that day your Superintending Architect made a survey of the Theatre, and found that the works had been completed, but that the ceiling over the auditorium, which was required by the Fourth Requisition to be made fire-resisting, had been covered only with thin sheet iron. It was pointed out, on behalf of the Board, that this material was of an unsatisfactory character, but after hearing the evidence of the Defendant's Surveyor in favour of its use, the Magistrate stated that in his judgment the roof had been rendered fire-resisting. He therefore decided that the Requisitions of the Board's Notice had been complied with by the Owners of the Theatre, whom he ordered to pay £3 as the costs of the several adjournments of the case. The Adelphi is one of those Theatres that have, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, been provisionally licensed by the Lord Chamberlain until the end of the present year, and your Committee recommend—

That his Lordship be informed of the decision of the Magistrate.

The Board, on the 10th August last (No. 12), directed that a Notice should be prepared, under the 45th Section of their Various Powers Act, 1882, for regulating the exitsfrom the Gaiety Theatre, and should be served upon the person by whom the Theatre was kept open for public entertainment. The Notice was duly served during the Board's Recess, and 28 days were allowed for the execution of the works. Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Superintending Architect, stating that a special bolt has been fixed to the stall exit door, but that there are five other doors which require special bolts and inscriptions in accordance with the terms of the Board's Notice. Certain Notices have also to be painted in the pit corridor. Under these circumstances your Committee recommend—

That the Solicitor be instructed to take such steps as are necessary to enforce compliance with the Notice.

The Board, on the 27th July last (No. 13), directed that a sealed Notice should be served upon the Owner of the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, containing Twelve Requisitions as to alterations necessary for remedying the structural defects of the building. The Notice was duly served on the 21st August last, but in consequence of the receipt of a Notice of Appeal against the Board's requirements, which was presented to the Board on the 28th ultimo (No. 77), Sir H. A. Hunt was appointed to act as Arbitrator in the matter. It appears, however, from a survey made by your Superintending Architect, that the alterations specified in the Board's Notice have all been carried out in a satisfactory manner, with two exceptions. The iron door, mentioned in Requisition No. 4, has not been fixed, and one of the openings in the proscenium wall is greater than the prescribed width. These variations are, however, in the opinion of your Committee unimportant. The Haymarket Theatre has been provisionally licensed by the Lord Chamberlain for the remainder of the year; and the execution of the works renders any arbitration in the case unnecessary. Your Committee recommend—

That the works executed by the Owner of the Haymarket Theatre be accepted as a compliance with the Board's Notice as to the alterations required for remedying the structural defects of the building; that the Lord Chamberlain be informed to that effect, and that Sir H. A. Hunt be informed that his services as Arbitrator will not be required.

Your Committee have, in accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 27th July last (No. 13), conferred with the Owner of the Imperial Theatre in Tothill-street, Westminster, upon the Requisitions contained in the Board's Notice, with respect to the structural defects of the building. These Requisitions, 17 in number, are entered in the Board's Minutes of the above-mentioned date. The formation of an incline in the floor of the gangway on the West side of the pit has been objected to, and your Committee are of opinion that the safety of the public will be secured by modifying the Fourth Requisition, so as to substitute for the incline, two steps in front of the door-way at the South-West angle of the pit. Your

Committee are also of opinion that the Sixth of the original Requisitions, which has reference to the formation of a gangway down the centre of the the pit may, in accordance with the request of the Owner, be omitted. But they deem it essential that the 13th Requisition, which provides for the substitution of wrought-iron doors for the iron shutters between the stage and the dressing-room corridor at the rear, although it has been objected to by the Owner, should, in the interest of the public, be adhered to in every particular. The other requirements of the Board have been assented to by the Owner. Your Committee have now to report that they are of opinion that a revised Notice, containing the following Requisitions, should be served upon the Owner—

1.—That the present partition over the proscenium be removed, and that the proscenium wall be carried up in brickwork, 14 inches thick, to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof, and that the opening in the proscenium wall above the ceiling of the auditorium be closed by a wrought-iron door, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself.

2.—That the pier on the East side of the opening between the stall and dress circle entrance and the principal staircase be removed, and the flooring made good.

3.—That an additional exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials, be provided from the stalls on the West side, with a door-way leading into Dartmouth-street.

4.—That the Westernmost door-way between the pit and the pit refreshment bar be stopped up, and the wood-steps in the bar removed; that a new door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the partition dividing the refreshment bar at the South-West angle of the pit; and that two steps, each 12 inches wide, be formed in front of such new door-way.

5.—That the enclosures to the pit entrance lobby and the pit pay-box be removed.

6.—That the corridors to the private boxes on the dress circle level be made 3 feet 6 inches wide; and that the steps between the staircase lobby and the corridor upon the Prompt side be removed, and an inclined plane substituted.

7.—That the partitions on the East and West sides of the dress circle be removed.

8.—That the partition on the East side of the upper circle be removed.

9.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed on each side of the gallery, with steps of an easy rise.

10.—That two wooden staircases, each 3 feet wide, be provided on the stage, for access to the flies.

11.—That the cellars under the pit be separated from the Theatre premises by proper party structures.

12.—That the iron shutters in the two openings in the wall, between the stage and the dressing-room corridor at the rear, be removed, and be re-placed by wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung in two folds, to fold back into the reveals of the door-ways, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

13.—That the door leading to the dress circle on the Prompt side of the house be re-hung so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

14.—That the handrails and balusters of the principal staircase be properly stayed.

15.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

16.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

And your Committee recommend—

That a Notice embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

Your Committee have also proceeded upon the Resolution of the Board of the 27th July last (No. 13), and have conferred with the Architect to the Owner of the Olympic Theatre, in Wych-street, Strand, upon the Resolutions contained in the Board's Notice with respect to the structural defects of the building. These Requisitions are twenty-two in number, and are printed in the Board's Minutes of the above-mentioned date. Your Committee are of opinion that the number of openings in the proscenium wall may be increased in accordance with the request of the Owner, and that the first Requisition may be modified accordingly. In lieu of re-building the principal staircase and the existing gallery staircase, it is desired to strengthen the present structures, and your Committee, after full consideration, concur in this view, which involves the modification of the second and third Requisitions. The fourth and fifth Requisitions, relative to the additional staircase and the new staircase on the stage, may also, in the opinion of your Committee be modified to meet the views of the Owner. The Architect to the Owner has requested that the latter part of the sixteenth Requisition, which provides for the formation of a staircase leading from the dressing rooms on the South side of the Theatre directly into Wych-street may be omitted, but your Committee are unwilling to forego the provision of some external means of escape from these rooms in case of fire. The remaining Requisitions are not objected to, and, as the result of the conference, your Committee are of opinion that a revised Notice, containing the following Requisitions, should be served upon the Owner—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up of the full thickness to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that not more than eight openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening, namely, four in the basement, three on the stage level, and one on the gridiron level; and that all such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That a spandril wall, 9 inches thick, be built under the first flight of the principal staircase, and a cross wall, 9 inches thick, under the landing of the same, as shown on the drawing submitted by the Architect to the Owner; that the handrail of such staircase be properly strengthened; and that a ceiling, constructed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board, be formed over the principal staircase and vestibule.

3.—That the timber supports be removed from the gallery staircase, and that a brick wall, 4½ inches thick, in cement, be built to support the steps of the staircase on the outer edge.

4.—That an additional staircase be provided to the gallery at the South-East angle of the Theatre premises, and that the steps of such staircase be of solid

York, or other approved stone, 3 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed on all sides by brick walls, with brick arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling over, formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

5.—That the staircase on the stage be removed, and that a new circular iron staircase be provided from the mezzanine floor to the flies.

6.—That an additional exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and enclosed upon all sides by fire-resisting materials, be provided from the stalls on the South side of the Theatre, leading directly into Wych-street; and that a door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the external wall on the North side of the Theatre, leading into Maypole-alley, to form an exit from the stalls and private boxes on such North side.

7.—That the exit door-ways on the North and South sides of the pit, leading into Maypole-alley, be increased in width to 4 feet 6 inches, and that the enclosures to the entrance lobby on the South side of the pit be removed.

8.—That the pit refreshment bar be removed, and be re-fixed in a more convenient position, so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

9.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed around every part of the pit.

10.—That the basement under the auditorum be separated from the auditorium by a floor constructed of fire-resisting materials.

11.—That the partition enclosing the passage-way from the flies to the scene-painters' room, on the gallery level, be removed, and that a wall be built to divide the gallery from the existing staircase next Wych-street.

12.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed around every part of the gallery, and that two gangways, each 3 feet wide, with steps of an easy rise, and leading direct to the staircases, be formed between the seats.

13.—That the gallery refreshment bar and the refreshment store be removed, and be placed in more convenient positions.

14.—That the six rows of seats in the South-East angle of the gallery be removed.

15.—That access be provided from the balcony to the gallery staircase on both sides of the house.

16.—That all the dressing-rooms be lighted and ventilated from the external air; and that a proper staircase or iron step ladder, communicating directly with Wych-street, be provided as a means of escape from the dressing-rooms on the South side of the Theatre.

17.—That all openings between the Theatre proper and the houses in Wych-street and Craven-buildings be stopped up with brickwork, or be closed with wrought-iron doors in wrought-iron frames; and that the Theatre premises be separated from all adjoining premises, vertically by partly walls, and horizontally by party structures.

18.—That the basement windows next the street be filled in with stout wire gauze.

19.—That all soft metal gas-pipes be removed, and be re-placed by iron pipes.

20.—That the skylights in the roofs be protected by strong wire guards.

21.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

22.—That all doorways, used by the public, be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

And your Committee recommend—

That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor ; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same ; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. F. W. Hunt, on behalf of the Rev. C. E. Brooke, Vicar of St. John the Divine, Kennington, for a Certificate, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the St. John's Parish-room, in Frederick-crescent, Vassall-road, Kennington, referred by the Board on the 12th instant (No. 87). The Hall is about 100 feet long, by 36 feet wide, has a platform at one end and a gallery at the other, and accommodates 700 people. In several respects the building does not conform to the Board's Regulations. There is practically only one door-way for the admission and exit of the whole audience, and no separate exit is provided from the gallery or the platform. The gallery staircase is of wood, and is only 3 feet wide. The external doors and gates of the building open inward, and there is no provision for extinguishing fire. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have had before them the Letter from Lord E. Fitzmaurice, Foreign Office, transmitting a Memorandum on the system adopted for the suppression of fires in Wurtemburg, received from the Government of that kingdom, referred by the Board on the 28th ultimo (No. 81). The Memorandum deals with the subject of fires in a general manner without any reference to Theatres or special buildings. Your Committee are of opinion that the reference of this document may with advantage be transferred to the Fire Brigade Committee, and they beg to recommend accordingly.

The Board, on the 28th ultimo (No. 82), also referred to your Committee the Letter from Mr. T. V. Lister, Foreign Office, transmitting a Report by Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Dresden, upon the measures adopted in Saxony for the protection of Theatres from fire. The regulations appear to be less stringent than those adopted for the City of Berlin, which the Board, on the 23rd December, 1881 (No. 9), directed should be printed, but the Commissioners, by whom they were drawn up, believed that strict compliance with moderate precautions might be more reasonably expected than with those of a severer character. Appended to the Report is an abridged translation of the Regulations recently adopted for the construction and maintenance of new Theatres in Dresden. Your Committee recommend—

That the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs be thanked for forwarding the Report to the Board.

Your Committee beg to submit herewith six Reports which they have received from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the works ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

No. 125, Pentonville-road, Clerkenwell.
„ 51, Collier-street, ditto.
„ 4, Clare-street, Bethnal-green.
„ 15, Church-street, Greenwich.
„ 16, ditto ditto.
„ 109, Three Colt-street, Limehouse.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. A. J. Barclay, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three one-storey shops on the West side of The Grove,

Hammersmith, at the corner of Beadon-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 12th instant (No. 41). The proposed buildings have a total frontage of about 44 feet to The Grove, and the triangular piece of ground, coloured Blue on the Plan submitted by the applicant, is proposed to be added to the public way. The Fulham District Board offer no objection to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space at the junction of Beadon-road and the Grove, separating the proposed shops from the public way, be given up and added to such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. A. C. Bean, on behalf of Messrs. Isaacs and Florence, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Normand-lane, Fulham, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 60). The amended Plan does not indicate the boundary line between the properties of the different Owners, at the junction of the new roads with the existing roads; and no evidence has been produced to show that the Owners agree to the proposal. Your Committee, having heard the parties interested, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

The Board, on Friday last (No. 69), referred to your Committee the application of Mr. W. M. Yetts, on behalf of Mr. R. W. Coffee, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Streatham-hill, Wandsworth. The proposed road is to lead out of the East side of Streatham-hill, for a length of about 600 feet, and then continue at right angles, for a length of about 700 feet, into the Palace-road, Roupell-park. A portion of the road is 40 feet in width, but the applicant is prevented from forming the longer arm of the full width by the existence of a house on one side, and the Lambeth Waterworks Reservoir on the other side of the road, which will be at this point 38 feet 5 inches wide. The Wandsworth District Board offer no objection to the formation of the proposed road. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the name "Daysbrook-road, S.W.," be approved for the same.

In accordance with the reference by the Board on Friday last (No. 67), your Committee have considered the application of Mr. W. Whiddington, on behalf of Mr. M. Butterfield, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Adamsrill-road, Sydenham. The proposed road will be 40 feet in width, and will lead directly out of the North side of Adamsrill-road into De Frene-road, thus affording the communication required by the Act. The Lewisham District Board have forwarded a Plan, showing the gradients which they think should be adopted for a portion of the road. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the gradients of the proposed road be made in entire conformity with the suggestions of the Lewisham District Board, and also on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the name "Niederwald-road, S.E.," be approved for the same.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Bermondsey, relative to the erection of certain additions to houses, and new cottages and stabling in Sarah's-place, South-street, Long-lane, referred by the Board on the 12th instant (No. 62). Your Committee have had before them a Report from your Solicitor, from which it appears that Sarah's-place is a small area closed with gates, and thus rendered private. Your Committee agree in the opinion expressed by your Solicitor that no action should be taken by the Board in the matter, and they recommend—

That the Vestry be informed that the Board are not prepared to take any action in the matter.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. F. H. Collins, on behalf of Mr. Petzing, relative to the erection of stabling on the North-side of Star-lane, Fulham, at the rear of Nos. 62 to 68, May-street, without the open spaces at the rear thereof, required by the 14th Section of the Amendment Act, 1882, referred by the Board on the 6th July last (No. 105). Your Solicitor, by direction of your Committee, took proceedings against the builder of the stabling, but the Magistrate decided that the land upon which it was built was, previously to the passing of the Act, occupied in part by other buildings, and that the provisions of the Act were not applicable to the case. The Summons was therefore dismissed, with three guineas costs, the Magistrate declining to state a Case. Your Committee report the facts for the information of the Board, and they recommend—

That Mr. Collins be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Messrs. P. J. Gordon and Sons, on behalf of Mr. A. Brandon, relative to a building adjoining the "Nell Gwynne" Public-house, alleged to have been erected beyond the general line of buildings on the South side of Stanley Bridge, King's-road, Fulham, referred by the Board on the 10th August last (No. 75). Your Solicitor has advised your Committee that the Fulham District Board should be communicated with on the subject, and should be requested to take action under the 75th Section of the Act, 25 and 26 Vict., cap. 102, if the law has been infringed. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the attention of the Fulham District Board be called to the matter, and that Messrs. Gordon and Sons be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have also had under consideration the Letter from Mr. V. J. Grose, District Surveyor, relative to wooden buildings placed on the forecourt of No. 107, Euston-road, St. Pancras, referred by the Board on the 22nd June last (No. 82). Your Committee directed your Solicitor to serve a Penal Notice upon the builder, but the District Surveyor has since reported that the erection complained of has been removed. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of fixed wooden projecting screens at each side of the forecourt of No. 2, Wycliffe-terrace, Lavender-hill, and requesting the Board to take the necessary proceedings for enforcing their removal, referred by the Board on the 13th April last (No. 70). Your Committee instructed your Solicitor to obtain a Summons against the occupier of No. 2, Wycliffe-terrace, for erecting the structures, which are of wood, roofed by canvas. The Magistrate decided that the erection was an infringement of the law, and that unless the occupier could obtain the License of the Board an Order would be made in the terms of the Act. He, however, adjourned the Summons for a month, so as to enable the Defendant to apply to the Board for a License. Your Committee recommend—

That the Wandsworth District Board be informed of the facts of the case.

Your Committee have re-considered the application of Messrs. Collier and Merrin, on behalf of Messrs Weston and Westall, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a one-storey building abutting on a passage leading out of the South side of Ridley-road, Dalston, in the position shown thereon, referred by the Board on the 27th July, 1882, and referred back on the 10th August last (No. 12), and also on the 5th ultimo (No. 6). The construction of the building will be in conformity with the Building Acts, but your Committee have hitherto been unable to recommend it for approval because of the narrowness of the passage-way on which it will abut. Your Committee, upon further consideration, are satisfied that the sanction of the Board may properly be given to the structure, and they recommend—

That the application be granted.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. E. C. Beaumont, on behalf of Mr. E. H. Bradley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 106, 108, and 110, Grove-road, Bethnal-green, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 19th instant (No. 42). The shops will be 8 feet in advance of the general line of buildings in Grove-road, and it is not proposed to give up the ground in front. The adjoining Owner objects to the application, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Mr. H. Jarvis, District Surveyor for Camberwell, relative to the erection of three houses between Nos. 18 and 20, George-street, Camberwell, without the consent of the Board, referred by the Board on the 19th instant (No. 43). Your Superintending Architect has again surveyed the premises, and finds that three buildings have been erected in the line shown on the Plan forwarded by Mr. Jarvis, but without the projections to which the Board objected on the 1st June last. The houses, as now erected, form a continuation of the general line of buildings in George-street, and your Committee recommend—

That Mr. Jarvis be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, it is unnecessary to take any action in the matter.

In accordance with the reference made to them by the Board on the 19th instant (No. 49), your Committee have considered the application of Messrs. W. Cubitt and Co., on behalf of Mr. A. H. Seymour, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of No. 95, Piccadilly. The Plan shows stone balconies at the first and second floor levels with a projection of 4 feet; and a two-storey bay-window will also project from the first floor 2 feet beyond the main frontage line. A small piece of ground, coloured Blue on the Plan, will be added to the public way. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. E. Hyde, on behalf of Mr. R. H. C. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a two-storey addition upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 3, The Grove, Highgate, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 19th instant (No. 52). The amended Plan shows an iron railing or balcony, in substitution of one proposed to be constructed of wood. Your Committee think that the Board may properly sanction the application, as now modified, and they recommend—

That it be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. G. Livingstone, on behalf of the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, for the permission of the Board to retain three temporary iron sheds, erected by the Vestry at their Wharf, in Commercial-road, Pimlico, referred by the Board on the 19th instant (No. 65). The sheds have been erected for purposes connected with the dusting and slopping work of the Parish, and are of corrugated iron, partly supported by walls, and in front by iron columns. The District Surveyor reports that they are fairly constructed and secure. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, for a period of Two years, upon condition that the Vestry do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. C. J. C. Pawley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on

the West side of Venner-road, abutting on No. 5, Station-parade, Sydenham-road, Lewisham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 51). The proposed shop is to be brought out 15 feet, beyond the line of buildings in Venner-road, and it will have a frontage of about 37 feet to that thoroughfare. Your Committee concur with the Lewisham District Board in thinking the Plan objectionable; and they recommend—

That the Plan be not sanctioned.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. W. Sanders, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey addition on the East side of No. 1, Warrington-villas, Maida-vale, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 53). The addition is 11 feet 7½ inches in length, and 7 feet 1 inch wide, and is now nearly completed. Your Committee see no objection to the structure, and they recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letter from the Greenwich District Board, relative to the erection of an addition to the "Ordnance Arms" Public-house, in Ordnance-road, Greenwich; referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 61). Your Superintending Architect has surveyed and prepared a Plan of the buildings recently erected in Ordnance-road. There is an open ditch on the West side of Blackwall-lane, and your Superintending Architect reports that if a portion of the ditch were enclosed and added to the public way, the addition to the Public-house would be at the requisite distance from the centre of Blackwall-lane. Your Committee think it unnecessary for this Board to take any action in the matter, and they recommend—

That the District Board be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. C. F. Doll, on behalf of Mr. J. Perry, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a building on the South side of Offord-road, Islington, in the position and to the line shown thereon, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 15). The building is to be erected on land at the rear of No. 4, Barnsbury-park, and it will abut on the public way in Offord-road. The frontage will be 20 feet from the centre of the road-way, and a narrow strip of ground will be given up to widen the public way. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO,
FRANCIS HAYMAN FOWLER,
JOHN RUNTZ,
A. EWIN.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the working model, submitted by Messrs. Sclanders and Co., of a new "escape door fastening" invented by Mr. J. P. Black, of Nelson, New Zealand, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the alterations made at the Adelphi Theatre be approved, and that the Lord Chamberlain be informed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That, inasmuch as the Notice served by the Board, under their Various Powers Act of 1882, upon the person by whom the Gaiety Theatre is kept open, with reference to the regulation of the exits of the Theatre, has not been complied with, the Solicitor be instructed to take such steps as are necessary to enforce compliance with the Notice.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the works executed by the Owner of the Haymarket Theatre be accepted as a compliance with the Board's Notice as to the alterations requisite for remedying the structural defects of the building; that the Lord Chamberlain be informed to that effect, and that Sir H. A. Hunt be informed that his services as Arbitrator in the matter will not now be required.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the Imperial Theatre, in Tothill-street, Westminster, be approved, and that, with a view to remedying the structural defects of the building, a revised Notice, containing the following Requisitions, be served upon the Owner thereof—

1.—That the present partition over the proscenium be removed, and that the proscenium wall be carried up in brickwork, 14 inches thick, to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof, and that the opening in the proscenium wall above the ceiling of the auditorium be closed by a wrought-iron door, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself.

2.—That the pier on the East side of the opening between the stall and dress circle entrance and the principal staircase be removed, and the flooring made good.

3.—That an additional exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials, be provided from the stalls on the West side, with a door-way leading into Dartmouth-street.

4.—That the Westernmost door-way between the pit and the pit refreshment bar be stopped up, and that the wood steps in the bar be removed; that a new door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the partition dividing the refreshment bar at the South-West angle of the pit; and that two steps, each 12 inches wide, be formed in front of such new door-way.

5.—That the enclosures to the pit entrance lobby and the pit pay-box be removed.

6.—That the corridors to the private boxes on the dress circle level be made 3 feet 6 inches wide; and that the steps between the staircase lobby and the corridor upon the Prompt side be removed, and an inclined plane substituted.

7.—That the partitions on the East and West sides of the dress circle be removed.

8.—That the partition on the East side of the upper circle be removed.

9.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed on each side of the gallery, with steps of an easy rise.

10.—That two wooden staircases, each 3 feet wide, be provided on the stage, for access to the flies.

11.—That the cellars under the pit be separated from the Theatre premises by proper party structures.

12.—That the iron shutters in the two openings in the wall, between the stage and the dressing-room corridor at the rear, be removed, and be re-placed by wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung in two folds, to fold back into the reveals of the door-way, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

13.—That the door leading to the dress circle on the Prompt side of the house be re-hung so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

14.—That the handrails and balusters of the staircase be properly stayed.

15.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

16.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved — That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Olympic Theatre in Wych-street, Strand, be approved; and that, with a view to remedying the structural defects of the building, a revised Notice containing the following Requisitions be served upon the Owner thereof—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up of the full thickness to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that not more than eight openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening, namely, four in the basement, three on the stage level, and one on the gridiron level; and that all such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-quarter of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That a spandril wall, 9 inches thick, be built under the first flight of the principal staircase, and a cross wall 9 inches thick under the landing of the same, as shown on the drawing submitted by the Architect to the Owner; that the handrail of such staircase be properly strengthened; and that a ceiling, constructed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board, be formed over the principal staircase and vestibule.

3.—That the timber supports be removed from the gallery staircase, and that a brick wall 4½ inches thick, in cement, be built to support the steps of the staircase on the outer edge.

4.—That an additional staircase be provided to the gallery at the South-East angle of the Theatre premises, and that the steps of such staircase be of solid York, or other approved stone, 3 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed on all sides by brick walls, with brick arches turned under the landings and a ceiling over, formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

5.—That the staircase on the stage be removed, and that a new circular iron staircase be provided from the mezzanine floor to the flies.

6.—That an additional exit, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and enclosed upon all sides by fire-resisting materials, be provided from the stalls on the South side of the Theatre, leading directly into Wych-street; and that a door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the external wall on the North side of the Theatre, leading into Maypole-alley, to form an exit from the stalls and private boxes on such North side.

7.—That the exit door-ways on the North and South sides of the pit, leading into Maypole-alley, be increased in width to 4 feet 6 inches, and that the enclosures to the entrance lobby on the South side of the pit be removed.

8.—That the pit refreshment bar be removed, and be re-fixed in a more convenient position, so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

9.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed around every part of the pit.

10.—That the basement under the auditorium be separated from the auditorium by a floor constructed of fire-resisting materials.

11.—That the partition enclosing the passage-way from the flies to the scene-painters' room, on the gallery level, be removed, and that a wall be built to divide the gallery from the existing staircase next Wych-street.

12.—That a gangway, 3 feet wide, be formed around every part of the gallery, and that two gangways, each 3 feet wide, with steps of an easy rise, and leading directly to the staircases, be formed between the seats.

13.—That the gallery refreshment bar and the refreshment store be removed, and be placed in more convenient positions.

14.—That the six rows of seats in the South-East angle of the gallery be removed.

15.—That access be provided from the balcony to the gallery staircase on both sides of the house.

16.—That all the dressing-rooms be lighted and ventilated from the external air; and that a proper staircase or iron step ladder, communicating directly with Wych-street, be provided as a means of escape from the dressing-rooms on the South side of the Theatre.

17.—That all openings between the Theatre proper and the houses in Wych-street and Craven-buildings be stopped up with brickwork, or be closed with wrought-iron doors in wrought-iron frames; and that the Theatre premises be separated from all adjoining premises, vertically by party walls, and horizontally by party structures.

18.—That the basement windows next the street be filled in with stout wire gauze.

19.—That all soft metal gas-pipes be removed, and be re-placed by iron pipes.

20.—That the skylights in the roofs be protected by strong wire guards.

21.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings where not already provided.

22.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. F. W. Hunt, on behalf of the Rev. C. E. Brooke, Vicar of St. John the Divine, Kennington, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of St. John's Parish-room, Frederick-crescent, Vassall-road, Kennington, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference of the Letter from Lord E. Fitzmaurice, Foreign Office, transmitting a Memorandum on the system adopted for the extinction of fires in Wurtemburg, be transferred to the Fire Brigade Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs be thanked for forwarding the Report by Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Dresden, upon the measures adopted in Saxony for the protection of Theatres from fire.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner and occupier of the structure No. 125, Pentonville-road, Clerkenwell, had failed to comply with the Orders made by John Hosack, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Clerkenwell Police-court, on the 28th day of August, and the 9th day of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised, to take down the remainder of the chimney-stack in the flank wall, and the bulged and defective brickwork of the chimney-stack in the back wall, and to secure the defective flooring in the front room on the upper floor of No. 125, Pentonville-road, Clerkenwell.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure, No. 51, Collier-street, Clerkenwell, had failed to comply with the Order made by John Hosack, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Clerkenwell Police-court, on the 25th day of September last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the bulged and defective brickwork of the flank wall of No. 51, Collier-street, next No. 50; the front wall, to the level of the second floor window sill; the back wall to the level of the sill of the landing window, and the front wall of the wash-house, where the same is out of the perpendicular.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure No. 4, Clare-street, Bethnal-green, had failed to comply with the Order made by James Lennox Hannay, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Worship-street Police-court, on the 27th day of September last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the main roof,

where the same is sunk and unsound, also the roof of the water-closet, and the cement on the back front of No. 4, Clare-street, Bethnal-green, where the same is loose.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner and occupier of the structure, No. 15, Church-street, Greenwich, had failed to comply with the Orders made by John Balguy, Esquire, and Robert Henry Bullock Marsham, Esquire, two of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Greenwich Police-court, on the 5th and 19th days of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the front and back walls of the structure, No. 15, Church-street, Greenwich.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner and occupier of the structure, No. 16, Church-street, Greenwich, had failed to comply with the Orders, made by John Balguy, Esquire, and Robert Henry Bullock Marsham, Esquire, two of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Greenwich Police-court, on the 5th and 19th days of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the front, back and flank walls, of the structure, No. 16, Church-street, Greenwich.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the premises, No. 109, Three Colt-street, Limehouse, had failed to comply with the Order made by Franklin Lushington, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Thames Police-court, on the 28th day of September last, for the removal of certain portions of the said premises which had been certified to be dangerous, namely, the wall enclosing the yard on the East side, and the wall enclosing the yard on the South side, at the rear of No. 78, Limehouse-causeway, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down certain portions of the premises, No. 109, Three Colt-street, Limehouse, namely, the wall enclosing the yard on the East side, and the wall enclosing the yard on the South side, at the rear of No. 78, Limehouse-causeway.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. J. Barclay, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three one-storey shops on the West side of The Grove, Hammersmith, at the corner of Beadon-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space at the junction of Beadon-road and The Grove, separating the proposed one-storey shops from the public way, be given up and added to such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on such Plan, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. C. Bean, on behalf of Messrs. Isaacs and Florence, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation and names of roads to lead out of Normand-lane, Fulham, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. M. Yetts, on behalf of Mr. R. W. Coffee, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Streatham-hill, Wandsworth, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the name "Daysbrook-road, S.W.," be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. Whiddington, on behalf of Mr. M. Butterfield, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Adamsrill-road, Sydenham, be granted, on condition that the gradients of the proposed road be made in conformity with the suggestions of the Lewisham District Board, and also on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the name "Niederwald-road, S.E.," be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of Bermondsey, as to the erection of certain additions to houses, and new cottages and stabling in Sarah's-place, South-street, Long-lane, be approved, and that the Vestry be informed that the Board are not prepared to take any action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Mr. F. H. Collins, on behalf of Mr. Petzing, as to the erection of stabling on the North side of Star-lane, Fulham, at the rear of Nos. 62 to 68, May-street, without the extent of open space at the rear thereof, required by the 14th Section of the Amendment Act, 1882, be approved, and that Mr. Collins be informed of the result of the proceedings taken by the Board in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Messrs. P. J. Gordon and Sons, on behalf of Mr. A. Brandon, relative to a building adjoining the "Nell Gwynne" Public-house, alleged to have been erected beyond the general line of buildings on the South side of Stanley Bridge, King's-road, Fulham, be approved; that the attention of the Fulham District Board be called to the matter, and that Messrs. Gordon and Sons be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Mr. V. J. Grose, District Surveyor, relative to wooden buildings placed on the forecourt of No. 107, Euston-road,, St. Pancras, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the proceedings taken with respect to fixed wooden projecting screens erected at each side of the forecourt of No. 2, Wycliffe-terrace, Lavender-hill, Wandsworth, be approved, and that the Wandsworth District Board be informed of the facts of the case.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Collier and Merrin, on behalf of Messrs. Weston and Westall, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a one-storey building abutting on a passage-way leading out of the South side of Ridley-road, Dalston, in the position shown thereon, be granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. E. C. Beaumont, on behalf of Mr. E. H. Bradley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 106, 108, and 110, Grove-road, Bethnal-green, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Mr. H. Jarvis, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of three houses between Nos. 18 and 20, George-street, Camberwell, without the consent of the Board, be approved, and that Mr. Jarvis be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, it is unnecessary to take any action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. W. Cubitt and Co., on behalf of Mr. A. H. Seymour, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of No. 95, Piccadilly, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the amended application of Mr. E. Hide, on behalf of Mr. R. H. C. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a two-storey addition upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 3, The Grove, Highgate, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. G. Livingstone, on behalf of the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, for the permission of the Board to retain three temporary iron sheds, erected by the Vestry at their Wharf, in Commercial-road, Pimlico, be granted for a period of Two years from this date, on condition that the Vestry do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the buildings.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. J. C. Pawley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on the West side of Venner-road, abutting on No. 5, Station-parade, Sydenham-road, Lewisham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. W. Sanders, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey addition on the East side of No. 1, Warrington-villas, Maida-vale, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Greenwich District Board, as to the erection of an addition to the "Ordnance Arms" Public-house, in Ordnance-road, Greenwich, be approved; and that the District Board be informed that, in the opinion of this Board, it is unnecessary to take any action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. F. Doll, on behalf of Mr. J. Perry, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the erection of a building on the South side of Offord-road, Islington, in the position and to the line shown thereon, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

11. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 2nd November, 1883, on the undermentioned

Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestry and District Boards—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
CHELSEA.				
Green-street, Marlborough-road	280	3′ 0″ × 2′ 0″	½-brick.	Recommended as applied for.
LEWISHAM.				
Bromley-road, Catford	2,927	3′ 6″ × 2′ 4″	½-brick and concrete	Recommended as applied for.
GREENWICH.				
New roads, North of the Grand Surrey Canal, Deptford ...	400	18-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended, subject to means for flushing being provided, and to a self-acting flap being fixed at the outlet of the 18-inch pipe at "A."
	1,030	15 „	„	
	2,340	12 „	„	

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestry and District Boards be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

12. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 2nd November, 1883, on applications from the following Vestries, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
SAINT MARYLEBONE.					
1883. 25th October	Margaret-street, East of Great Titchfield-street.	Paving.	10 days.	10 days.	Mortimer-street.
CHELSEA.					
„ „	Chelsea Embankment, West of Albert Bridge, in four sections.	Repairing carriage-way.	1 week each	1 week section.	Cheyne-walk, &c.
	Cheyne-walk, West of Oakley-street, in two sections.	Do.	4 days each	4 days section.	Chelsea Embankment.
	King's-road, between Manor-street and Shawfield-street, in two sections.	Do.	1 week each	1 week section.	Russell, &c., Streets.
	Green-street, Marlborough-road.	Sewerage.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	Denyer-street.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestries, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

13. The Engineer laid before the Board a Report, as follows—

Engineer's Department, Spring-gardens,
1st November, 1883.

MONTHLY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SEVERAL SPECIAL CONTRACT WORKS.

Ratcliff-highway, &c., Sewers Relief Lines.—Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Contractors.—About 19,550 feet run of brick sewers, varying in size from 7 feet 3 inches, barrel, to 4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches, egg-shape, are constructed, at an estimated cost, with other works in connection

therewith, of £74,000, of which £1,000 is due to the past month's progress. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. J. Fixter and J. Carter, at a weekly cost of £6 6s.

Essex-road, Islington (*Artizans' Dwellings*), *Scheme.*—Messrs. Nowell and Robson, Contractors.—A total length of 1,960 feet of brick and pipe sewers are constructed, and 3,500 yards super. of granite carriage-way, and 15,000 feet super. of York stone foot-way laid, at an estimated cost, with other works in connection therewith, of about £7,300, of which £1,500 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. T. Panter, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Gray's-inn-road Improvement.—Mr. J. J. Griffiths, Contractor.—A length of about 350 feet of brick sewer (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size) is constructed, at a cost of about £660. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. G. Skipper, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Wormwood-scrubs.—Messrs. Kellett and Bentley, Contractors.—The excavation for the entire length of the new road-way is complete, the ballast for the foundation is prepared, and about 400 feet in length of granite kerb and channel are upon the ground, the estimated value of the work being £500. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. J. Scott, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Ranelagh and King's Scholars' Pond Sewers Relief Lines.—Messrs. McCrea and McFarland, Contractors.—Excavation, concreting, &c., for the purposes of these new relief Sewers, have been executed to the value, approximately, of £1,800. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. W. Morton and W. Jeffery, at a weekly cost of £7 7s.

Deptford Storm Overflow.—Messrs. Pearson and Son, Contractors.—Lengths of 2,721 feet of Sewer (13 feet 6 inches by 11 feet in size), and 1,284 feet of Sewer (3 feet by 2 feet in size) are complete, and a further length of 100 feet of the larger of the two Sewers is in progress. The estimated value of these, and of the other works in connection therewith, is £23,470, of which £2,850 represent the progress made in the past month. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. H. Noble and W. Martin, at a weekly cost of £7 7s.

Clapham to Putney Relief Sewers.—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—About 9,000 feet run of new Sewers varying in size from 9 feet by 6 feet to 5 feet by 4 feet 6 inches, are complete, and further lengths of about 130 feet are in progress. The estimated value of these, and of other works in connection therewith, is £33,270, of which £3,730 are due to the past month's progress. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. C. Bedloe, R. Lynn, W. Dennis, J. Judd, G. Beagley, J. Ward, and H. Daw, at a weekly cost of £22 1s.

Waterloo Bridge (*Strengthening Foundations*).—Mr. W. Webster, Contractor.—The works in connection with the first five piers from the Surrey end of the Bridge are complete, and the temporary staging and permanent piling around the sixth pier are completely driven. Permanent work has been executed to the value, approximately, of £34,000, of which about £2,000 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. B. Butcher, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Wandsworth Bridge.—Messrs. B. Cooke and Co., have completed the works comprised in their Contract for the painting, &c., of this Bridge.

Putney (*New*) *Bridge.*—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—The contract work specified in connection with the new Putney draw-dock has been executed, and its authorised re-construction is also complete. The temporary staging across the River, the Northern and Southern abutment coffer dams, the first and second Surrey and the first Middlesex pier coffer dams are complete, and the concreting, &c., of the Northern and Southern abutments and the sinking of the first Surrey and first Middlesex pier caissons are in course of execution. The original aqueduct and the water mains have been removed. The brick Sewer (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size) under the Northern approach roadway to the Bridge and the retaining and screen walls to the Fulham Vicarage are nearly completed. The total value of the permanent work executed is about £40,000, of which about £8,000 represent the progress due to the past month. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. A. Boag and J. Rigg, at a weekly cost of £6 6s.

Deptford-creek Bridge.—Mr. G. Moss, Contractor.—The temporary timber bascule Bridge is erected, the original iron structure is partly removed, and some masonry of the abutment courses is complete. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. P. Sharpe, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, and that it be printed and circulated among the Members of the Board.

14. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st November, 1883, on Letters from Mr. J. W. Barry, Engineer to the Metropolitan and District Railway (City Lines and Extensions), and Mr. W. Haywood, Engineer to the City Commissioners of Sewers, enquiring as to the jurisdiction over the Sewer into which the Board had sanctioned the diversion of the upper part of the main Nightingale-lane Sewer, for the purposes of the works of the Whitechapel Extension Railway; stating that, on the 10th August last (No. 28), the Board sanctioned the diversion of the upper part of the main Nightingale-lane Sewer into the deep Sewer, constructed by the Railway Company from the Irongate Sewer at Little Tower-hill, to and under Aldgate Station, subject to the condition (amongst others) that the requisite consent of the City Commissioners of Sewers should be obtained to the connection of the new diverted Sewer with the deep Sewer referred to; and that it appeared that, before the Commissioners consented to the arrangement, they desired to know whether, in the event of the Board's Main Sewer being connected with the Commissioners' deep Sewer, as proposed, the Board would claim any jurisdiction over the latter; that he (the Engineer) saw no reason why the Board should consider the deep Sewer, which passed along Aldgate and the Minories, as a Main Sewer, to be taken under their control, provided that the free flow and flushing from their Main Sewer were not interfered with, and recommending that he should be authorised to reply to Mr. Barry's and Mr. Haywood's enquiries to that effect.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the Engineer be authorised accordingly.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st November, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. Ashurst, Morris, Crisp and Co., on behalf of the London Street Tramways Company, applying to the Board, as the Local Authority, for their consent to the construction of a short length of "turn out" from the Company's line at the junction of Malden-road and Prince of Wales-road, St. Pancras; stating that the application was made to the Board, under the 32nd Section of the Company's (Extension) Act, 1879, for consent to the construction of the length of 120 feet of "turn out" line, shown upon the Plan accompanying the application; that the new piece of line was in the Parish of Saint Pancras, and that Messrs. Ashurst and Co. had stated that the Vestry of that Parish had given their consent to its construction, and recommending that the Board should, as the Local Authority, also give their consent thereto.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the Board do, as the Local Authority, give their consent to the construction of the proposed length of line, by the London Street Tramways Company.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. Chapman, applying for permission to occasionally lay one or two Barges near the Board's storm water outlets on the foreshore of the Thames, fronting the Lambeth abutment of Vauxhall Bridge; stating that when the Board acquired the Bridge it was found that a Mr. Dards had a right, under certain conditions, to the use of the part of the foreshore referred to, as a barge-bed for Barges under repair, and that ultimately the Board had some difficulty in obtaining possession of it for the purposes of their storm-water relief works; that it was very undesirable that the Board should, upon any terms, permit the use by any person of the part of the foreshore referred to, and recommending that Mr. Chapman's application should not be granted.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and **resolved**—That the Report be approved, and that the application be not granted.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 1st November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. H. J. Hallett, Assistant Surveyor to the Vestry of Saint Marylebone, relative to one of the Board's Flushers having demanded 15s. for unstopping a drain in the Local Sewer from Lord's Cricket-ground; setting forth the facts of the case, and stating that

immediately upon the matter being brought to his (the Engineer's) notice, he had inquired into it, and in the result had dismissed three of the men implicated, viz., Johnson, Giles, and Winter; that the fourth man, J. T. Pond, had been very ill for the past few weeks, and that he proposed to bring his case before the Works, &c., Committee at their next Meeting, and recommending that Mr. Hallett be informed of the dismissal of the men.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Engineer be approved, and that Mr. Hallett be informed that the men concerned have been dismissed from the Board's service.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 2nd November, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contracts, viz.—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
Storm Outlets, Old Ford.	
Supplying and placing about 100 tons of rubble, or rough stones, on the bed of the River Lee, near the storm water outlets...	80 0 0
Abbey Mills Pumping Station.	
Forming two wells and trenches for the lightning conductors from the chimney-shafts	50 0 0
Chelsea Embankment.	
Taking up, re-laying and renewing a portion of the foot-way ...	100 0 0
Deptford Pumping Station.	
Repairing pipes at the Eastern and Western Engine-houses ...	60 0 0
Total	£290 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 2nd November, 1883, recommending that one of the Boilers at the Deptford Pumping Station be repaired, and that the work be carried out by Messrs. J. and G. Rennie, at an estimated cost of £40.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the repairs be executed by Messrs. Rennie accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

20. It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and resolved—That the cartoon Plan prepared by the Engineer for the use of the Board in connection with the question of communications across the Thames, East of London Bridge, be lent to the Whitechapel District Board.

21. The Solicitor presented a copy of each of the undermentioned Acts, which had received the Royal Assent last Session, viz.—

London and North-Western Railway (Additional Powers) Act, 1883.

Metropolitan Outer Circle Railway Act, 1883.

South-Western Railway (Various Powers) Act, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the two last-mentioned Acts be referred to the Engineer, to see that the provisions thereof in which the Board are concerned are duly observed.

22. The Solicitor stated that the *Gazette* notices as to applications to Parliament for next Session would have to be inserted in the newspapers about the 12th instant, and that Plans and Books of Reference must be deposited by the 30th instant.

23. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment

of the Loan of £1,700 to the Vestry of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and he suggested that the Board should now pass an Order authorising the Vestry to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of the Parish of Saint George-the-Martyr, Southwark, in the County of Surrey, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said Vestry under the first-mentioned Act, within the said Parish, of a sum of One thousand seven hundred pounds, for the purpose of defraying the estimated cost to be incurred by the said Vestry in executing certain granite paving-works in the Waterloo-road, in the said Parish. And whereas the said Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of One thousand seven hundred pounds should be borrowed by the said Vestry, for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of the said Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said Vestry, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of One thousand seven hundred pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by equal annual instalments within a period of Twenty years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £1,700 be now drawn in favour of the Vestry of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

24. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Agreement between the Board and Mr. C. Wilson for a Lease of Plots Nos. 5 and 6 in Kentish-town-road (Kentish-town-road Improvement).

Agreement between the Board and Mr. M. M°Sheehan for a Lease of Plots Nos. 20 to 28, Kentish-town-road, with the option of purchase (Kentish-town-road Improvement).

Contract with Mr. H. Holloway for cleansing the three cold-water settling Reservoirs at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station, for a period of two years from the 3rd instant.

Conveyance by Mr. F. J. N. Pearson, and another, of No. 3, Tyndall's-buildings, Gray's-inn-road, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Gray's-inn-road Improvement).

Contract with Mr. T. Blackmore for cleaning out two ponds on Peckham-rye.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

25. The Solicitor presented a copy of a Letter which he had received from Messrs. Radcliffe, Cator and Co., the Solicitors to the Promoters of the Tower Thames Subway Bill of last Session, dated 30th October, 1883, referring to the course adopted by the Board with respect to that Bill, and asking whether they retained their objections thereto.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred

to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto.

26. The Solicitor stated that, since he reported to the Building Act Committee, relative to the removal of a fence erected in Dawes-road, at the corner of Hartopp-avenue, Fulham, further facts had been ascertained, which rendered it desirable that the matter should be further considered by that Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the additional facts be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference made to them on 29th June last (No. 10), and that the Solicitor do report to the Committee on the subject.

27. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 26th ultimo (No. 10), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Denmark-hill	Lambeth and Camberwell.
Herne-hill, &c.	Do.
Priory-place, &c.	Lambeth.
Priory-mews, &c.	Do.
Richmond-place, &c.	Lambeth and Wandsworth.
Beavor-lane, &c., Hammersmith	Fulham.
St. Peter's-road, &c., do.	Do.
Queen's-road, do.	Do.
Great Church-lane, &c., do.	Do.

The Clerk also laid before the Board two copies of the Order of the Board of Friday last (No. 8), on the matter of Disagreement between Mr. H. Parsons, District Surveyor, and Messrs. Lee and Tregelles, relative to the construction of a staircase at the Stockwell Training College.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

28. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. D. Pritchard, dated 25th October, 1883, transmitting copy of the Presentment of the Leet Jury of the King's Manor of Southwark, complaining, amongst other things, of nuisance caused by the manner in which the Sewers in the locality were ventilated.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Presentment be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

29. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. L. J. Dunham, Clerk to the Vestry of Newington, dated 26th October, 1883, transmitting an Official Representation, as follows—

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Artizans', &c., Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, 38, 39, Vic., c. 36, s. 4.

Gentlemen,—Under the provisions of the above Act I beg to report a block of four Courts in Tabard-street (the Borough end), viz., Bull Head and Royal Tent Courts, Powell's-alley, and Unicorn-court. I consider these as not fit for habitation, as they are close, narrow, badly arranged, deficient in light, air, and ventilation, and present other sanitary defects, which cannot be remedied effectually otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the houses within this area.

The inhabitants as a rule are migratory, hence most cases of serious illness are sent away; but in the first three (from April 1st to September 30th) 23 cases received a Medical Order from the Relieving Officer (15 in Royal Tent-court, six in Bull's Head-court, and two in Powell's-alley). The diseases were such as indicated a low condition of health.

The Relieving Officer of the District (Mr. Wooff) has also frequently reported to me on the wretched condition of the Courts and their inhabitants.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) WILLIAM TIFFIN ILIFF, M.D. London,
Medical Officer of Health,
St. Mary, Newington, S.E.

Vestry Hall, Walworth-road, S.E.,
October, 1883.

N.B.—A Plan is enclosed showing the block alluded to.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Representation be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

30. The Clerk presented a Notice from the East London Waterworks Company, dated 29th October, 1883, of their intention to give a constant supply of Water in a certain district or area, as therein described, in the Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town, and the Parishes of Bow, Bromley, Poplar and Limehouse.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

31. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. P. Kenney, dated 27th October, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Resolution, passed at a Meeting of working men of Deptford, Greenwich, and the adjacent districts, urging the Board to promote a Bill in the next Session of Parliament for the purpose of providing free communications across the Thames, East of London Bridge, and asking the Board to receive a small Deputation of working men on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Deputation be received by the Board on Friday next, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

32. The Clerk presented a Letter from Dr. F. Bonney, dated 25th October, 1883, suggesting that, in order to obtain the opinion of the ratepayers on the subject of the erection of a Bridge across the Thames, East of London Bridge, the Board should issue voting papers, as was done in the case of Parish votings.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

33. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. E. Jones, Clerk to the Fulham District Board, dated 29th October, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Certificate by the Justices for Middlesex, relative to the stopping up of an old road, and the formation of a new highway, at Brook-green, and stating that the work agreed upon with this Board to be carried out had been completed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Certificate be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do report to the Committee thereon.

34. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Harris, Clerk to the Westminster District Board, dated 29th October, 1883, stating that an interlocutory Injunction had been obtained by his Eminence Cardinal Manning, restraining the District Board from erecting a Urinal over the site of the King's Scholars' Pond Sewer, near to Francis-street, to which this Board had given their consent, and inquiring whether they were prepared to assist the District Board in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do report to the Committee thereon.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. Terraneaux, General Manager of the St. George Telephone Company (Limited), dated 26th October, 1883, thanking the

Board for the permission given to lay wires in the Subways in Queen Victoria-street and the Victoria Embankment, and stating that the Company were prepared to comply with the conditions of the Board with respect thereto.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Engineer.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Hon. S. Ponsonby-Fane, Lord Chamberlain's Office, dated 29th October, 1883, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the Report of the Board's Chemical Assistant upon Monsieur Bernheim's invention of a chemical preparation for rendering dresses, scenery, &c., used in Theatres, fire-resisting; and suggesting the advisability of circulating it for the information of Managers of Theatres.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and resolved—That the Lord Chamberlain be informed that the Board have no objection to his Lordship circulating the Report himself, if he should think it desirable, but that the Board have no jurisdiction with respect to the matters to which the Report refers.

37. The Clerk presented two Official Representations, as follows—

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Holborn Town-hall, Gray's-inn-road, W.C.,
October 27th, 1883

Gentlemen,—In accordance with the 3rd Section of the "Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875," I beg to represent that many of the houses situated in Brook's-market, and on the North-side of Beauchamp-street, are unfit for human habitation, and that diseases such as scarlet fever, measles and diphtheria, diarrhœa, typhoid fever, and the preventible ailments of children indicating, a low state of health amongst the population, either now are, or have been from time to time, prevalent in this area, and that the prevalence of diseases may reasonably be attributed to the narrowness and closeness of the buildings, to the bad arrangement and bad condition of the houses, the majority of which have no back yards, and to the want of light, air, ventilation, and proper sanitary conveniences in such dwellings.

I beg further to represent that the evils connected with such houses, and the sanitary defects in such area, cannot be remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the houses in such area. The area is bounded on the North by Dorrington-street, on the South by Beauchamp-street, on the West by Brook-street, and on the East by the backs of the houses in Leather-lane. It comprises sixteen houses, occupied by about 160 persons.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) SEPTIMUS GIBBON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Holborn Town-hall, Gray's-inn-road, W.C.,
October 27th, 1883

Gentlemen,—In accordance with the 3rd Section of the "Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings "Improvement Act, 1875," I beg to represent that many of the houses situated in Vine-street Cotterell-court and place, Lucy's-buildings, Poole's-yard, Poole's-place, and Poole's-buildings are unfit for human habitation, and that diseases such as cholera, small-pox, diarrhœa, typhus, and typhoid fever, and the preventible ailments of infants, indicating a low state of health amongst the population, either now are, or have been, from time to time prevalent in this area, and that the prevalence of these diseases may reasonably be attributed to the narrowness and closeness of the courts, to the bad arrangement and bad condition of the houses, and to the want of light, air, and ventilation, and proper sanitary conveniences in such dwellings.

I beg further to represent that the evils connected with such houses and courts, and the sanitary defects in such area cannot be remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the courts and houses within the area. This area is bounded by the old Fleet Sewer on the North-West side, by the Field-lane Refuge on the North-East, Vine-street, Poole's-yard and Poole's-buildings on the South-East, and by the back of the houses on Mount-pleasant on the North-West side. It comprises 94 houses, inhabited by about 938 persons.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) SEPTIMUS GIBBON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Representations be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. B. Hall, Secretary of the West Middlesex Waterworks Company, dated 30th October, 1883, transmitting a Notice of the intention of the Company to give, on and after the 1st of March next, a constant supply of Water in a part of the Company's District adjoining Lisson-grove, St. Marylebone.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. H. Farnfield, Clerk to the Poplar District Board, dated 31st October, 1883, stating that the District Board had passed a Resolution expressing their opinion that the best position for a Ferry to accommodate the Districts West of the Victoria Docks would be from Blackwall Stairs to Greenwich.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

40. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Parish of Paddington, Middlesex.

Guardians' Offices, Paddington Workhouse,
Harrow-road, W.,
31st October, 1883.

Loan for new Infirmary.

Sir.—Referring to a Letter from the Solicitor's Department of the Metropolitan Board of Works, dated 3rd February, 1883, I am directed by the Board of Guardians to inform you that they are now desirous of obtaining a further Loan, and they trust that the Metropolitan Board of Works will be able to advance the same.

I am, therefore, directed to make formal application for a Loan of £10,000, at 3½ per cent. interest, re-payable by sixty half-yearly equal payments of principal and interest combined.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) HENRY F. AVELING,
Clerk.

To the Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Woolwich Local Board of Health.

Office: Town-hall, William-street, Woolwich,
31st October, 1883.

Hare-street Improvement. Further Loan, £2,000.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the Woolwich Local Board of Health to make application to the Metropolitan Board of Works for a further Loan of Two thousand pounds, to enable them to meet the cost of the Hare-street Improvement, in the Parish of Woolwich.

The Local Board have the sanction of the Local Government Board to the borrowing of Six thousand eight hundred and forty pounds, for the purpose of their public street Improvement, of which sum Three thousand four hundred pounds have been advanced on Loan by the Metropolitan Board of Works, at £3 15s. per cent. per annum, the principal to be re-paid by 48 consecutive annual payments, the first of such payments having been made on 1st January, 1882.

The cost of the Improvement having exceeded the estimate, the Local Board would be obliged if the Metropolitan Board of Works would advance this further sum of Two thousand pounds, making the re-payments to terminate at the same periods as those of the previous Loan for the same street Improvement.

The sanction of the Local Government Board to the borrowing of £6,840 for the purpose of this Improvement is dated the 4th December, 1880, and the document is in the custody of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ANDREW C. REED,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

42. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Woolwich Local Board of Health.

Office: Town Hall, William-street, Woolwich
31st October, 1883.

CHURCH-STREET IMPROVEMENT.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Woolwich Local Board of Health to make application to the Metropolitan Board of Works for payment of the sum of Three hundred and twenty-five pounds, being the amount of the Metropolitan Board's contribution in aid of the above-mentioned public Street Improvement, as promised in your Letter of 27th June, 1883.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ANDREW C. REED,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk of the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

43. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Woolwich Local Board of Health.

Office: Town-hall, William-street, Woolwich,
31st October, 1883.

CHAPEL-STREET IMPROVEMENT.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Woolwich Local Board of Health to make application to the Metropolitan Board of Works for payment of the sum of One hundred and fifty-five pounds, being the amount of the Metropolitan Board's contribution in aid of the above-mentioned public Street Improvement, as promised in your Letter of 4th July, 1883.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ANDREW C. REED,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk of the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

44. The Clerk presented a Letter from Lord Brabazon, on behalf of the Metropolitan Public Garden, Boulevard and Playground Association, dated 30th October, 1883, requesting permission to make temporary use of five plots of building land, belonging to the Board, in Theobald's and Clerkenwell Roads, as described in his Letter, for the purpose of playgrounds for children, and undertaking to give up possession upon receiving fourteen days' notice from the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto.

45. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. N. Fenner, dated 1st November, 1883,

suggesting that the site of the ancient Horse Ferry between Deptford, near the Creek Bridge and the Isle of Dogs, would be a more suitable position for a Ferry than the suggested site between Blackwall and East Greenwich.

The Clerk also presented a Letter from Mr. G. Burney, dated 31st October, 1883, expressing a hope that the Board would establish a Ferry from Millwall to Greenwich, instead of the one proposed at Blackwall Point.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which they relate.

46. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Cheston and Sons, dated 1st November, 1883, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Letter, with reference to North-mill-field, and stating that they hoped that their client, Mr. Paine, might see his way to avoid breaking up the land, pending the result of the Board's application to Parliament for powers to deal with the Hackney Commons.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee.

47. The Clerk presented a Letter from Captain Burstal, Secretary of the Thames Conservators, dated 31st October, 1883, transmitting a copy of correspondence, received from the Wandsworth District Board, with respect to discharge of Sewage into the River Wandle at Garratt, and also a copy of Reports by Dr. Muter, the Board's Analyst, and the Conservators' River-keeper on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and correspondence be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

48. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Harris, dated 1st November, 1883, suggesting that the carriage-way of Battersea Bridge should be allowed to be used for light vehicular traffic between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Bridges Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

49. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 30th ultimo, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·2	17·0	17·1	8·6	7·1	8·0	0·2	0·0	0·1	None.
	Camden ..	17·0	16·5	16·7	9·6	8·0	8·9	0·3	0·1	0·2	„
	Dalston ..	17·2	16·8	17·0	18·4	15·6	16·9	0·3	0·0	0·1	„
	Bow	17·3	16·4	17·0	14·5	12·3	13·9	1·2	0·4	0·8	„
	Chelsea	16·9	16·1	16·5	11·9	10·2	11·1	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·7	16·9	17·3	15·7	12·9	14·5	0·2	0·1	0·2	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas) .	21·2	20·5	21·0	9·6	7·3	8·4	0·4	0·2	0.2	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	Station closed for repairs.									
	Tooley-street ..	16·3	16·1	16·2	10·1	8·2	8·9	0·2	0·0	0·1	„
	Clapham ..	16·6	16·0	16·3	13·6	10·9	12·1	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham ..	16·8	16·2	16·4	20·5	11·9	14.3	1·8	0·4	1·2	„
Commercial Gas Company.. . ..	Old Ford ..	17·7	16.8	17·3	10·8	8·2	9·0	0 4	0·2	0·3	„
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·3	16·2	16·7	17·8	9·6	14·3	0·4	0·2	0·3	„

The pressure of the Gas, as supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, in Tranquil-vale, Blackheath, on the 24th instant, at 7.30 p.m., was 1·90 inches.

The pressure of the Gas, as supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, in Camberwell-new-road, on the 30th instant, at 7 p.m., was 1·90 inches.

50. Chelsea.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. A. Gribble, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an oriel window at the rear of No. 10, Sydney-street, Brompton.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

51. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Yates, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 18 to 28, Fulham-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

52. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. Smithem, on behalf of Mr. Saker, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, with shops, on the East side of South Lambeth-road, between Fentiman-road and No. 57, South Lambeth-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

53. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Rowe, Jun., for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a shop, upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 94, Acre-lane Brixton, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

54. Lewisham—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. J. Hunt, Jun., on behalf of Mr. A. Mortimore, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden bay-window, and a verandah at the rear of Alnwick House, Berlin-road, Catford Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

55. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. K. Wilson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 101 and 103, Loampit-vale, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

56. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Bates, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to thirteen houses, on the South side of St. Michael and Burghill Roads, Sydenham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be

granted, on condition that the whole of the works be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

57. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. W. Edis, on behalf of the Committee of the Badminton Club, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of the Club-house, with projecting porticoes, and a bay window, on the site of Nos. 98, 99 and 100, Piccadilly, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

58. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Sage, on behalf of Baron A. de Rothschild, for the consent of the Board to the enclosure, with glazed sashes, of an iron verandah at the rear of No. 1, Seamore-place, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

59. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Graves, on behalf of Messrs. Fabian and Clingo, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 16 and 18, Finchley-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

60. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 17th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Berrie, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden porch to a house in Selincourt-road, at the corner of that road and Bickersteth-road, Lower Tooting.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

61. Clerkenwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Leber, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron addition to No. 1, Upper Charles-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

62. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. C. Humphreys, on behalf of the authorities of the West London Hospital, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron building, to be used as a Mortuary, at the rear of the Hospital, in King-street East, Hammersmith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

63. Hampstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st November, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Hampstead, relative to the erection of barriers in Goldhurst-terrace, Broadhurst-gardens, and other roads, on the West side of Finchley-new-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

64. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th September, 1883, on the application of Messrs. W. and F. Houghton, on behalf of Messrs. Houghton and Byfield, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road, to lead out of the East side of Victoria-road, Charlton, and of the name "Elliscombe-road" for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

65. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Beans and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron shed at their Chemical works, at Hackney-wick, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

66. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Pratt and Son, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed at Commercial Wharf, Kingsland-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

67. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Pattison, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building upon land on the West side of his premises in Pilgrim-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

68. Whitechapel.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Lovegrove, on behalf of Mr. R. Horner, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of additions to sheds in Spitalfields-market.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

69. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. R. Stenning, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of Fees for special services performed by him in certifying as to the cutting away of a chimney-breast in the party-wall of No. 101, Union-road, and also a chimney-breast in the party-wall of No. 309, Old Kent-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of Ten shillings in respect of each of the special services referred to.

70. City of London.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Whichcord, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at No. 2, Philip-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

71. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Berger and Sons (Limited), for approval by the

Board of a Plan for the construction of four wood and iron buildings at their Colour Factory, in Wick-lane, Homerton, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

72. Poplar.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Nicholls, on behalf of Messrs. Hemming and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building, on land adjoining the North London Railway, in Morville-street, Bow.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

73. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. H. Martineau, on behalf of Mr. Hastings, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to the roof gables of a house on the South side of Leigham-court-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

74. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st November, 1883, stating that Mr. W. E. Hudson, Assistant in the Building Act Branch of the Department, was still unable to attend the Office, in consequence of illness, and that, should Mr. Hudson not return within a fortnight, the matter would be again reported to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 9th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 13.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **9th** day of **November**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.
Charles Harris, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.
Robert Cox, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.
Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.
Thomas Turner, Esq.
John Robert Jolly, Esq.
John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.
Robert Furniss, Esq.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.
Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.
Robert Freeman, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.
Thomas John White, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.
William James Wetenhall, Esq.
John Reddish, Esq.
William Debenham, Esq.
Alfred Ewin, Esq.
William Burnham Garrett, Esq.
William Robson, Esq.
William Shepherd, Esq.
James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.
John Abbott, Esq.
George Hill, Esq.
Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
Alfred Pocock, Esq.
Robert Jones, Esq.
Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 2nd instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. A Deputation of working men of Deptford, Greenwich, and the neighbourhood, introduced by Mr. Selway, and consisting of Mr. P. Kenney, Mr. R. Fairbairn, Mr. J. Kelledridge, Mr. C. Gaffney, Mr. W. Peckham, Mr. R. Barker, Mr. R. Castle, Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. T. Cape, Mr. J. Kirkham, Mr. J. Howard, Mr. H. Allen, Mr. D. Sullivan, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. T. Coombs, Mr. R. Wallace, and Mr. A. Burns, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, on the subject of free communications across the Thames, East of London Bridge; thanking the Board for the exertions they have made to provide means of communication for the inhabitants of localities below the Bridge, and expressing a hope that the Board will continue their efforts until their labours shall have been brought to a successful issue; stating that the Memorialists consider that it would be impolitic if the revenue arising from the Coal and Wine Duties be taken from the Board until the contemplated improvements of river communications shall have been effected, and that the refusal of the Lords of the Treasury to continue the Duties until the year 1,900, will not benefit the working-classes; and expressing their hope that the Treasury would accede to the request of the Board, and continue the Duties so as to enable the Board to provide free communications across the Thames, East of London Bridge.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

3. A Deputation from the Lewisham District Board, introduced by Mr. Selway, in the absence of Mr. Lloyd, and consisting of Mr. T. W. Williams, Mr. H. J. Wheeler, Mr. A. J. Keen, Mr. E. C. Lane, Mr. W. H. Morson, Mr. R. Wooff, Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. T. Blake, Mr. J. W. Elliott, Mr. T. Ovenden, Mr. W. Mellor, Mr. D. K. Forbes, Mr. G. E. Dodson, Mr. S. J. Jerrard, Mr. T. M. Whittaker, and Mr. F. Crockford. accompanied by Mr. H. F. Winnett, the Clerk, and Mr. J. Carline, the Surveyor to the District Board, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, as follows—

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Board of Works for the Lewisham District, under their Common Seal,

Sheweth,—

1.—That in the year 1855 an Act of Parliament was passed, intituled "An Act for the "better Local Management of the Metropolis." That your Memorialists form one of the District Boards constituted by such Act, and are set forth in the second part of Schedule B of such Act as returning one Member to the Metropolitan Board of Works, in conjunction with the Board of Works for the Plumstead District.

2.—That your Memorialists, the Board of Works for the Lewisham District, consists, according to such Act, of 27 Members, and that of the Plumstead Board of 37 Members; and it follows that in electing a Representative to your Honourable Board, the Plumstead Board has 37 votes against the 27 votes of the Lewisham Board, consequently, although nominally the Lewisham Board join in electing a Representative to your Honourable Board, as a matter of fact and practice, they can have no material voice, under ordinary circumstances, in the election.

3.—That since the constitution of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and the Metropolitan Vestries and District Boards in 1856, vast changes have taken place in the position of such Vestries and District Boards, with regard to their relative importance, owing to the varying rates of increase both in population and ratable value that have occurred in their respective districts. Your Memorialists submit, as a not unreasonable request, that after a lapse of 27 years some alteration or increase in the representation to your Honourable Board should be made, in order to redress the anomalies that such changes have necessarily caused.

4.—At the formation of the District your Memorialists had only a population, according to the Census of 1851, of 16,233, being the smallest of any of the Districts contained in Schedule B, and being also a smaller population than any of the parishes contained in parts 1 and 2 of Schedule A, with the exception of the Parish of St. John, Hampstead. But according to the last Census (1881), the population of your Memorialists' District had increased to 71,715, which population has still further increased, according to the present estimates, to 74,901; which places this District, with regard to population, 14th in the list of all the Parishes and Districts in the Metropolis (excluding from consideration the six great Parishes returning more than one Member to your Honourable Board), and leaves 19 Parishes and Districts with a less population than your Memorialists, all of whom, with the exception of the Plumstead Board, the St. Olave's District Board, and Rotherhithe, return each a Member to your Honourable Board.

5.—Your Honourable Board will perhaps consider it of more importance to ascertain the amount of ratable value which is taxed by your Honourable Board, but which your Memorialists submit, under the circumstances already stated, is at present unrepresented at your Board. The ratable value of this District at its formation in 1856 amounted to £138,100, being the third lowest in amount of all the Districts contained in Schedule B, excepting Plumstead, with which it was joined; whereas, from the statement of ratable values contained in the apportionment of your Honourable Board of the sums required to be raised by your Honourable Board for the present year, 1883, it will be seen that the ratable value of your Memorialists' District now amounts to £540,703, and that in respect thereof they now stand the eleventh on the list of Parishes and District Boards sending one Member to your Honourable Board; and that there are no less than 19 other Parishes and District Boards, returning one Member each, who have a less ratable value than your Memorialists, counting the District of St. Olave's and the Parish of Rotherhithe, for the purpose, as one Board: and that the ratable value of the District of your Memorialists is double the ratable value of three of the District Boards sending a representative to your Honourable Board.

6.—That the number of inhabited houses in your Memorialists' District, according to the Census of 1851, only amounted to 2,770, whereas the inhabited houses therein in the year 1882 are estimated to have increased to 11,941, and were, according to the Census taken in 1881, 11,543.

7.—Your Memorialists beg to call your attention to the fact that for the present year, 1883, your Honourable Board requires the payment of the sum of £14,261 10s. as the apportioned amount due from the Lewisham District; and your Memorialists feel that they are justified, and indeed bound, in the interests of the ratepayers of their District, to use their utmost endeavours to obtain a representation on a Board to whom so much of their money is entrusted, and to ask your Honourable Board to take such steps as may be necessary for enabling your Memorialists to return a separate Member to your Honourable Board.

8.—Your Memorialists would also state that, whilst their District has been thus increasing in population and ratable value, the District of the Plumstead Board has also been very largely increasing, although not quite in the same proportion, the figures in respect of their District being as follows:—Population in 1851, 19,771; according to the last Census, 63,663. Ratable value in 1856, £104,930; in 1883, £317,465. Inhabited houses in 1851, 3,310; according to the last Census, 9,989. It will thus be seen that the Plumstead Board ranks the twenty-third in the list of Metropolitan Vestries and District Boards sending one representative to your Honourable Board, and that there are six Boards with less ratable value sending one Member to your Honourable Board, not counting the combined District of St. Olave and the Parish of Rotherhithe.

9.—The District of your Memorialists is 6,544 statute acres in extent, which is a larger acreage than any Parish or District in the Metropolis, with the exception of the Wandsworth District and the Plumstead District, with which this Board is joined, and the combined Districts of Plumstead and Lewisham have an area of 16,938 statute acres, being less than one-fourth, but considerably more than one-fifth of the acreage of the whole Metropolis, including the City of London, the acreage of your Memorialists' District (6,544 acres) being more than equal to the combined acreage of 17 of the Parishes and Districts of the Metropolis sending 17 Members to your Honourable Board.

10.—Your Memorialists have been informed that your Honourable Board are reluctant, at the present time, to enter into any question with regard to an alteration of the representation at your Honourable Board, owing to the expectation of some large and comprehensive Government scheme for the creation of a new Metropolitan Municipality, in the place of the existing authorities; but your Memorialists respectfully submit that it is the duty of the present authorities to perform their work without regard to any schemes that may hereafter be brought forward, and which schemes, it cannot be forgotten, have been promised for years, but have always been postponed; and provided that you consider the claim of your Memorialists to be directly represented at your Honourable Board a right and just one, that you will, without regard to any such schemes, endeavour to do justice to your present constituents; and your Memorialists would even urge that the anticipated change in the government of the Metropolis is an additional reason why so large and important a District, both in point of population and ratable value, as the District over which this Board exercises its jurisdiction, should be directly represented at your Board, in order that when such scheme is brought before you the interests of their District may be adequately represented.

Your Memorialists therefore request that your Honourable Board will take an early opportunity to apply to Parliament to authorise such an alteration or increase in the representation of the several Parishes and Districts at the Metropolitan Board of Works as their altered circumstances require, and especially such an alteration or increase as shall provide for the Lewisham District being represented by a separate Member at such Board, or in such other manner as your Honourable Board may think fit.

The Common Seal of the Board of Works for the Lewisham District was hereunto affixed by Order, this 7th day of November, 1883, in the presence of

(Signed) H. S. WINNETT,
Clerk to the Board.

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The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Ingoldby, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

A Deputation from the Plumstead District Board, introduced by Mr. Selway, in the

absence of Mr. Lloyd, and consisting of Mr. T. M. Moors, Mr. R. C. Ratcliff, Mr. W. J. Neats, Mr. P. Miller, and Mr. G. Whale, the Clerk to the District Board, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, as follows—

To the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Board of Works for the Plumstead District, under their Common Seal,

SHEWETH,—

1.—That your Memorialists form one of the District Boards of the Metropolis, and return one Member to the Metropolitan Board of Works, in conjunction with the Board of Works for the Lewisham District.

2.—Your Memorialists would urge that some changes are now obviously required in the distribution of representation at your Honourable Board, for since its formation, in 1855, great changes have taken place in the relative position of the Parishes, Vestries, and Districts of the Metropolis, with regard to both population and ratable value.

3.—At the formation of the Lewisham District it had only a population, according to the Census of 1851, of 16,233, but according to the Census of 1881, the population of that District was 71,715, and is now estimated to be 74,901. The ratable value of the Lewisham District is now £540,703; in 1856 it amounted to £138,100.

4.—Your Memorialists would also state that their District has also largely increased in population since 1855, when, according to the then last Census, it was 19,771. According to the Census of 1881 the population of the Plumstead District was 63,663, the population is still rapidly increa sing. The ratable value of the Plumstead District in 1856 was £104,930, in 1883 it is £341,588; inhabited houses in 1851 3,310, according to the last Census 9,989. It will thus be seen that your Memorialists' Board ranks the twenty-third in the list of Metropolitan Vestries and District Boards, sending one representative to your Board, and that (excluding the combined District of St. Olave and the Parish of Rotherhithe) there are six Boards with less ratable value sending one Member to your Board. The District of your Memorialists comprises about 10,798 acres, and is one of the largest in the Metropolis.

Your Memorialists, therefore, request that your Honourable Board will take an early opportunity to apply to Parliament for such an alteration or increase in the representation of the several Parishes and Districts at the Metropolitan Board of Works as the altered circumstances require, and especially such an alteration or increase as shall provide for the Plumstead District being represented by a separate Member at such Board.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Board of Works for the Plumstead District, pursuant to Resolution of the said Board, this 31st day of October, 1883, in the presence of

L. S.

(Signed) GEORGE WHALE,
Clerk.

The Village, Old Charlton, Kent.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Freeman, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration in connection with the foregoing reference.

4. Mr. Edwards handed in a Letter, as follows—

Court-house St. Marylebone, W.,
November 8th, 1883.

SIR,—I was directed by the Vestry, at their Meeting this morning, to forward you the accompanying decision of Mr. De Rutzen, the Magistrate at the Marylebone Police-court, on an application made by the Vestry for an Order for the demolition of a shop recently erected next to No. 24, Finchley-road, notwithstanding the refusal of the Metropolitan Board of Works to sanction such erection, pursuant to the 75th Section of the 25th and 26th Vic. c., 102 (Metropolis Local Management Amendment Act). The Superintending Architect decided the general line of buildings to be the fronts of the houses Nos. 10, 12, 14 and 16, Finchley-road, and therefore the shop in question would be clearly beyond that line, but the Magistrate was of opinion that the line of frontage was defined by a building formerly a Conservatory, which your Board gave permission to be erected in the year 1869, at No. 24, Finchley-road, beyond the

line of the houses mentioned. The Vestry applied for a Case to be submitted to a Superior Court, which the Magistrate readily granted.

The principal question is whether the decision of the Superintending Architect in respect to a line of frontage defined by him is to be considered as final, or whether a Magistrate has the power himself to set out another line of frontage. There are conflicting decisions upon this in different Courts, and probably any further proceedings likely to be successful would have to be pursued in a Court of Appeal.

The Vestry are advised that the Architect has fixed the true general line, notwithstanding the consent to build the Conservatory beyond the general line, and that there is a reasonable ground of successfully raising the question, and that it is one which might be fairly raised in the hope of reversing the Magistrate's decision in an ultimate Court of Appeal.

As this question affects a principle in which the whole of the Metropolis is concerned, and the authority of the Board's Officer is involved, the Vestry have directed me to submit to your Board, that, under the circumstances of an exceptional case, it would be desirable to have the question raised in a Court of Appeal, and to apply to the Board to contribute towards the expenses of the Vestry in such manner as your Board may think fitting, and should the Board be pleased to look favourably upon the application, the Vestry would unhesitatingly proceed to obtain a satisfactory decision from the High Court of Justice.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) W. E. GREENWELL,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens.

The copy of the decision of the Magistrate referred to in the foregoing Letter, was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

5. Mr. Bradfield handed in a Memorial, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The humble Petition of the Upper Holloway Ratepayers' Association meeting at Holloway Hall, Islington, Middlesex, on Wednesday, the 17th day of October, 1883,

Sheweth—

1.—That by the 32nd Section of the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, it is provided that, "When at any time hereafter upon any account taken of the population by the authority "of Parliament, the relative numbers of the inhabited houses in the several Parishes forming "any such District are found to have varied from those shown by the last previous Census, it "shall be lawful for the Metropolitan Board of Works, constituted by this Act, upon the "application of the Vestry, or any Ratepayers of any such Parish, to alter the number of "the Members of the Vestry or Board of Works for such District to be elected for all or any "of the Parishes therein, but so that the number of Members to be elected for any such Parish "if exceeding three, shall be a number divisible by three."

2.—In the year 1855, when the Act was put in force, the Wards of the Parish of St. Mary Islington, eight in number, and named as under, had assigned to them the number of Vestrymen set forth, as follows—

No. and Name of Ward.	Number of Vestrymen to each Ward.
No. 1. Upper Holloway	15
„ 2. Lower Holloway	15
„ 3. Highbury	18
„ 4. Thornhill	15
„ 5. Barnsbury	12
„ 6. St. Mary's	12
„ 7. Canonbury	15
, 8. St Peter's	18
	120

3.—In the year 1873 the inhabited houses in some of the Wards of the Parish had largely increased, more particularly in Wards 1 and 3, but in Ward No. 1 in a marked and extraordinary degree. The Statute average of the various Wards is as under, showing a total of 3,107 acres, that of No. 1 Ward alone being 1,030 acres, or very nearly one-third of the acreage of the whole Parish. In 1857 the larger part of Ward No. 1 was not built upon, and in Ward No. 3 there was also a deal of land open for building purposes.

The following Table shows the acreage of the various Wards—

No. and name of Ward.	Acreage of each Ward.
No. 1. Upper Holloway	1,030
„ 2. Lower Holloway	414
„ 3. Highbury	805
„ 4. Thornhill	172
„ 5. Barnsbury	141
„ 6. St. Mary's	148
„ 7. Canonbury	234
„ 8. St. Peter's	163
	3,107

4.—In consequence of the large increase in the number of inhabited houses in some of the Wards of the Parish in the year 1873, your Honourable Board re-arranged and altered the Vestry representation, as appears by the following extract from the Minutes of your Honourable Board, dated the 30th May, 1873, viz.—

It was Ordered that the number of Vestrymen assigned to the several Wards of the said Parish of St. Mary, Islington, be as follows, that is to say—

Ward No. 1.	Altered from	15	to 24	Members.
„ „ 2.	As at present	15	15	„
„ „ 3.	Altered from	18	to 24	„
„ „ 4.	„	15	„ 12	„
„ „ 5.	„	12	„ 9	„
„ „ 6.	„	12	„ 9	„
„ „ 7.	„	15	„ 12	„
„ „ 8.	„	18	„ 15	„
		120	120	Members.

5.—The following tabular statement shows the position of the eight Wards in the years ending Lady-day, 1873, and Lady-day, 1883, as to inhabited houses (or assessments), population, and ratable value—

Number and Name of Ward.	Number of Assessments at Lady-day, 1873.	Number of Assessments at Lady-day, 1883.	Ratable Annual Value at Lady-day, 1873.	Ratable Annual Value at Lady-day, 1883.	Population at Census of 1871.	Population at Census of 1881.
No. 1. Upper Holloway...	6,389	10,395	£204,057	376,098	34,743	67,946
„ 2. Lower Holloway...	3,724	4,609	133,305	178,886	29,137	37,191
„ 3. Highbury	5,667	8,071	209,198	314,263	30,898	52,048
„ 4. Thornhill	3,323	3,788	99,716	119,114	31,257	32,905
„ 5. Barnsbury ...	2,543	2,603	78,265	88,399	19,254	21,984
„ 6. St. Mary's... ...	2,146	2,527	91,082	109,642	14,790	15,192
„ 7. Canonbury ...	3,058	3,261	117,412	119,327	24,412	25,842
„ 8. St. Peter's... ...	3,605	3,368	104,134	116,169	29,290	29,757
	30,455	38,622	£1,037,169	1,421,898	213,781	282,865
				115,183		
				£1,537,081		

6.—The numbers of the inhabited houses of the eight Wards of the Parish, in 1871 and in 1881, according to the Census taken in those years respectively, were as follows—

No. and Name of Ward.	No. of inhabited houses in 1871.	No. of inhabited houses in 1881.
No. 1. Upper Holloway	4,844	8,431
„ 2. Lower Holloway	3,412	3,763
„ 3. Highbury	4,440	7,129
„ 4. Thornhill	3,258	3,406
„ 5. Barnsbury	2,370	2,533
„ 6. St. Mary's	1,997	1,986
„ 7. Canonbury	3,320	3,305
„ 8. St. Peter's	3,443	3,493
	27,079	34,046

7.—Dividing 38,622 Assessments by 120 (the number of Vestrymen given to the Parish), shows 321 Assessments to each Vestryman, and dividing the Assesments of each Ward by 321, the following result appears—

No. and Name of Ward.	Number of Vestrymen given by numerical calculation of one Vestryman to every 321 Assessments.
No. 1. Upper Holloway	321)10,395(32 Vestrymen $\frac{123}{321}$
„ 2. Lower Holloway	321) 4,609(14 „ $\frac{115}{321}$
„ 3. Highbury	321) 8,071(25 „ $\frac{46}{321}$
„ 4. Thornhill	321) 3,788(11 „ $\frac{257}{321}$
„ 5. Barnsbury	321) 2,603(8 „ $\frac{35}{321}$
„ 6. St. Mary's	321) 2,527(7 „ $\frac{280}{321}$
„ 7. Canonbury...	321) 3,261(10 „ $\frac{50}{321}$
„ 8. St. Peter's	321) 3,368(10 „ $\frac{158}{321}$

In regard to the above statement, it is right to mention that in St. Peter's Ward (No. 8), a large number of houses have been pulled down, under Sir Richard Cross's Act, to make way for Model Lodging-houses. The ground was vacant at Lady-day, 1883, when the Return of the number of Assessments of Ward 8 was made; probably when this vacant ground is re-built upon, the old number of its Assesments will be again reached. Upon this theory the calculation would show about Eleven Vestrymen to belong to that Ward, and put it on a level with Thornhill Ward (No. 4).

8.—Under the above circumstances, and having regard to the necessity under the Act of Parliament of assigning to each Ward such a number as to make the out-going Members equal in number every third year, it is suggested by your Memorialists that your Honourable Board should make an alteration of the Vestry representation of the said Parish in manner following, that is to say—

Ward No. 1.	To be altered from	24	to 33	Members.
„ „ 2.	As at present	15	15	„
„ „ 3.	„	24	24	„
„ „ 4.	„	12	12	„
„ „ 5.	„	9	9	„
„ „ 6.	To be altered from	9	to 6	„
„ „ 7.	„	12	„ 9	„
„ „ 8.	„	15	„ 12	„
		120	120	Members.

Prayer.

Your Memorialists therefore pray your Honourable Board to make an alteration in the Vestry representation of the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, in accordance with the suggestions

made, in the sixth paragraph of this their Memorial, and to make such Order, and give such directions in that behalf to carry out the same, as may be deemed necessary by your Honourable Board.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

(Signed) GEORGE WILLIS,
Lake House, Hornsey-rise,
And 3 others.

It was moved by Mr. Bradfield, seconded, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

6. Mr. Harris handed in a Letter, as follows—

St. Saviour's District Board of Works,
Board Room, Emerson-street, Bankside,
Southwark, S.E.,
8th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—The attention of this Board has been directed to a Memorial which the Board of Works for the Lewisham District have addressed to your Honourable Board, asking that authority may be obtained for giving to the Lewisham Board the right to send a Member to your Board, apart from the Plumstead District, with which it is united under the Metropolis Local Management Act.

The request appearing to this Board to be a reasonable one, I am desired by them to express a hope that your Board will be pleased to accede to the prayer of the Memorial in question.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) W. H. ATKINS,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

7. Mr. Harris handed in a Letter, as follows—

St. Saviour's District Board of Works.
Board Room, Emerson-street, Bankside,
Southwark, S E.,
8th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—This Board has considered your Letter, dated the 2nd instant, stating, in reply to mine of the 12th ultimo, relative to the formation of a new street from Park-street and Sumner-street to Bankside, that upon condition that this Board will contribute one-half of the cost of the suggested Improvement, your Board will include the same in some Bill to be promoted in Parliament, and I am instructed to inform you that this Board accepts the condition proposed, and has passed a Resolution to that effect (of which I send you a sealed copy on the other side), and also thanking your Honourable Board for their prompt attention in the matter.

Seeing that a large portion of the land required is at the present time unoccupied, this Board is anxious, in order to save expense, that the Improvement should be carried out with as little delay as possible, and I have to request, therefore, that your Board will be good enough to include the scheme in a Bill for the forthcoming Session of Parliament.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) W. H. ATKINS,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

"At a Meeting of the St. Saviour's District Board of Works, held in the Board-room, "Emerson-street, Southwark, on Wednesday the 7th November, 1883.

"Present: F. W. Thorn, Esq. (in the Chair), and twenty-four other Members.

"A Letter was read from the Metropolitan Board of Works, dated the 2nd instant (in "reply to one from the Clerk, dated the 17th ultimo, relative to the proposed new street from "Park-street and Sumner-street to Bankside, stating that upon the condition that this District "Board will contribute one-half of the cost of the suggested Improvement, the Metropolitan "Board will include the scheme in some Bill to be promoted in Parliament.

"It was MOVED by Mr. Rider, and SECONDED by Mr. Boulden—

"'That this Board accept the terms proposed by the Metropolitan Board in their "'Letter, that they be thanked for their prompt compliance with the request of "'this Board in the matter, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of "'this Resolution, and forwarded to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

"CARRIED *unanimously*."

The Common Seal was hereunto affixed accordingly, in the presence of

(Signed) W. H. ATKINS,
Clerk of the Board.

L.S.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration and report.

8. Mr. Shepherd handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of Bermondsey, Surrey.

Town Hall, Spa-road, S.E., 8th November, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed to inform you that at a Meeting held on Monday last, the proposal for the construction of an additional means of communication between the North and South sides of the River Thames, East of London Bridge, by means of a Tunnel emerging near Deckhead, was taken into consideration and received the approval of this Vestry.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. HARRISON,
Clerk and Solicitor to the Vestry.

The Clerk to the
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

9. Mr. Cook handed in a Letter from Mr. L. Owen, dated 8th November, 1883, transmitting a copy of the following Resolutions passed at a public meeting of ratepayers of the Parish of All Saints, Poplar—

"That this Meeting tenders its best thanks to the Metropolitan Board of Works for its "proposal to establish a Ferry communication across the Thames in this District."

"That this Meeting strongly urges that the Well-street property, recently pulled down, be "immediately built upon, so that provision may be made to meet the pressing necessities of "the poor, who have been driven out of their homes, and which has resulted in overcrowding "of small houses round about the District."

"And that this Meeting consider that the proposed new street to connect Preston's-road "with the East India-road, is of pressing necessity, and would be a great relief to the heavy "traffic from the Docks and Factories in the neighbourhood."

"This Meeting respectfully asks that your Board would be pleased to receive a Deputation "of ratepayers at their next Meeting in support of the foregoing."

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded, and resolved—That the communication be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and that Mr. Owen be informed that the Board will be prepared to receive the proposed Deputation on Friday next, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

10. Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 6th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 20th October, 1883	£445,126 - 2		
Receipts since that date, as per Statement presented this day	82,894 11 7		
		£528,020 11 9	
Payments since 20th October, 1883		95,176 10 11	
Balance on 3rd November, 1883 { viz.: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£438,712 14 -		
Less Cheques not presented	5,868 13 2		
			£432,844 - 10

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance on 20th October, 1883	£613 19 8		
Receipts since that date	5,414 11 6		
		£6,028 11 2	
Payments since 20th October, 1883		5,094 16 11	
Balance on 3rd November, 1883 { viz: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£936 8 10		
Less Cheques not presented	2 14 7		
			933 14 3
Total Cash Balances on 3rd November, 1883			**£433,777 15 1**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 20th October*, 1883.		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 3rd November*, 1883.		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Working Accounts—							
General	...	47,876 4 1	793 18 2	10,331 12 4	...	38,338 9 11	18 16 3
Fire Brigade ...	16,997 19 10	...	156 10 3	9,405 11 7	26,247 1 2	...	71 18 11
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	1,090,272 14 1	36,280 9 7	141 6 -	...	1,126,411 17 8	940 1 -
Fire Brigade ...	32,559 9 -	...	...	3,500 2 1	36,059 11 1	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	102,646 16 8	...	...	2,575 14 2	105,222 10 10	...	2,582 16 -
Parks and Open Spaces	4,058 11 3	...	...	92 7 4	4,150 18 7	...	...
Albert Embankment	76 18 6	...	...	...	76 18 6	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	1,258 2 6	...	...	...	1,258 2 6	...	...
Queen Victoria Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	200 - -
Streets (Act of 1872)	385 10 2	...	...	187 6 9	572 16 11	...	...
Appold Street ...	187 9 6	...	12 10 -	...	174 19 6	...	...
Streets (Act of 1877)	410,290 - 10	...	...	7,267 - 9	417,557 1 7	...	19,851 12 9
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	19,182 17 3	...	...	13 16 -	19,208 18 3	...	11,882 10 -
Thames Floods Prevention	5,865 11 5	...	...	71 5 1	5,924 11 6	...	...
Bridges (Act of 1881)	61,949 18 8	...	...	17,367 10 8	79,317 9 4	...	25,052 18 5
Miscellaneous—							
Bridges (Act of 1877)	...	26,303 13 4	340 - -	1,963 4 2	...	24,680 9 2	158 2 3
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	14,032 14 7	...	48 18 9	1,324 13 6	15,308 9 4	...	7,895 4 4
Consolidated Loans Fund	49,891 9 2	...	45,262 4 10	40,919 11 6	45,548 15 10	...	3,661 12 -
Firemen's Savings Fund	...	56 18 -	...	15 9 -	...	41 9 -	...
	719,383 9 4	1,164,509 9 6	82,894 11 7	95,176 10 11	756,628 4 11	1,189 ,47	72,315 11 11
	£445,126 - 2				£432,844 - 10		

INVESTMENTS.

FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND ... ... £3,620 8 5 ... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED from the 22nd October to 4th November, 1883—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Supplemental assessment, *re* Government property—		
Plumstead	53 5 2	
Fees—		
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act) ... ... £10 5 –		
„ Gas-meter testing ... ... 283 5 –		
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act) 308 15 8		
„ Petroleum licenses ... ... 28 10 –		
„ Explosives Act ... ... 14 – –		
	644 15 8	
Fines—		
Re Bye-laws	1 – –	
Costs recovered—		
Re Loans ... ... £18 4 –		
„ Leases ... ... 13 13 –		
„ Thames floods prevention ... ... 5 – –		
„ Bye-laws ... ... – 6 –		
Law costs, &c. 12 13 9		
	49 16 9	
Proceeds of sales of carcases—		
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act	10 15 9	
Drain-junctions to main sewers...	– 18 4	
Plans, &c., sold	33 6 6	
		793 18 2
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Contributions from Insurance companies	3 5 4	
Contributions from men towards rent	101 19 6	
Chimney-fire penalties	11 9 6	
Attendance at ex-metropolitan fires	4 10 5	
Subscription for telegraphic communication	5 – –	
Cost of repairing damage to fire-alarm	– – 6	
Return of amount paid in respect of damage to omnibus	– 5 –	
Part cost of repairing damage to float "Buffalo"...	30 – –	
		156 10 3
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
Further amounts, *re* loan of £1,250,000		36,280 9 7
APPOLD STREET.		
Rent		12 10 –
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).		
Rent	39 10 –	
Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey—		
One-quarter's contribution towards the maintenance of bridges ...	300 – –	
Rent (deposit)...	– 10 –	
		340 – –
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Rent	29 1 –	
Sales—		
Essex-road ... ... £6 – 3		
Goulston-street 13 17 6		
	19 17 9	
		48 18 9
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
Rent	4,185 10 6	
Loans—		
Interest £12,530 13 10		
Repayment .. .. 20,891 – 2		
	33,421 14 –	
Carried forward	£37,607 4 6	37,632 6 9

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	37,607 4 6	37,632 6 9
Sales—		
Clerkenwell-road	£7,500 - -	
Main Drainage	30 - -	
Piccadilly	18 10 -	
Fire Brigade (old stores)	5 2 7	
Southwark-park (produce)	3 4 7	
	7,556 17 2	
Interest, *re* sales—		
Clerkenwell-road	£26 1 -	
Main Drainage	8 12 -	
	34 13 -	
Interest on deposit, *re* Pearson (Gray's-inn-road)	1 15 3	
Rent (deposits)	26 - -	
Proportion of rates—		
Piccadilly	£12 6 6	
Putney Bridge	2 12 3	
	14 18 9	
Transfer from *Streets* (*Act of* 1877) *Account* in repayment of advances ...	20 16 2	
		45,262 4 10
		£82,894 11 7

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £17,360 5s. 11d., be paid.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the necessary Order be made with respect to the same.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, stating that six Improvements, towards which the Board had agreed to contribute, had been completed, and requesting payment of the Board's contributions thereto, referred by the Board on the 12th ultimo (No. 30). With reference to the Improvement at Lot's-road the application has been made under a misapprehension, the Board's contribution having been paid some time since, and this the Vestry now acknowledge. Three of the other cases, not being in a condition to be reported upon by your Committee, have been adjourned. On the 7th October, 1881 (No. 6), the Board agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £30, of widening Dartrey-road, at the South-West corner, and on the 9th March last (No. 6) they also agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £150, of widening the foot-way in the Fulham-road, fronting the Cancer Hospital, on the usual Certificates of their Officers. Certificates by your Superintending Architect, that the works referred to have been completed, and by your Accountant that the respective sums of £60 and £300 have been paid for the land acquired and added to the public way, having been laid before your Committee. They recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £30, in favour of the Vestry being the amount of the contribution towards the Improvement at the South-West corner of Dartrey-road.

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £150, in favour of the Vestry being the amount of the contribution towards the Improvement in front of the Cancer Hospital, in the Fulham-road.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of St. Pancras, forwarding a statement of the cost of the Improvement at Mabledon-place, referred by the Board on the 3rd August last (No. 65). The Board, on the 10th February, 1882 (No. 6) agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £2,375, of widening the Northern

entrance to Mabledon-place, and the road-way on the Eastern side of Burton-crescent The works at Mabledon-place have been completed, but from a Letter received from the Vestry it appears that, owing to difficulties which have arisen as to the widening of Burton-crescent, they have abandoned their intention of carrying out that part of the work. As by the Board's Resolution the contribution is only payable on the completion of the works in respect of both sections of the Improvement, it is necessary that the Board should decide what proportion of the amount should be paid in respect of the Mabledon-place Improvement; and your Committee therefore recommend—

That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to consider and report what amount should be contributed by the Board towards that portion of the Improvement.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 21st April, 1882 (No. 40), your Committee have considered the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for permission to borrow, and also for the advance of, a sum of £3,000 towards the cost of widening Wandsworth-lane, from High-street, Putney. The District Board propose to carry out the work at an estimated cost of £6,000, and this Board being satisfied, by a view of the site, of its desirability and necessity, they agreed, on the 14th July 1882(No. 4), to contribute £3,000 towards the cost. Your Committee recommend—

That the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for permission to borrow and also for the advance of a sum of £3,000, towards defraying the cost of widening Wandsworth-lane, from High-street, Putney, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 31st January, the 30th April, the 31st July and the 31st October, in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within 58 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for permission to borrow, and also for a Loan of, a sum of £1,000, towards defraying the cost of widening the public way at the corner of High-street and Red Lion-street, Wandsworth, referred by the Board on the 14th July, 1882 (No. 2). The Board viewed the site of the proposed Improvement, and, being satisfied of its utility, they resolved, on the 4th August, 1882 (No. 8), to contribute £1,050 towards the amount (£2,100) agreed to be paid by the District Board for the land required for carrying out the Improvement. Your Committee recommend—

That the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for permission to borrow and also for the advance of a sum of £1,000, towards defraying the cost of widening the public way at the corner of High-street and Red Lion-street, Wandsworth, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 31st January, the 30th April, the 31st July and the 31st October, in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within 58 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the practice hitherto adopted at the sale of the Board's Ground-rents and Surplus lands, of requiring that the deposits paid by the respective purchasers at the time of sale should be paid to the Auctioneers conducting such sale. Your Committee, having conferred with your Solicitor on the subject, are of opinion, as there is no legal difficulty in adopting such a course, that for the future it should be provided in the conditions of sale that the amounts to be paid by way of deposit shall be paid to the Board's Cashier, and they therefore recommend—

That the Solicitor be instructed to that effect.

Your Committee beg to submit, for the information of the Board, a Return of the number of Gas-meters received to be tested, and of the Fees charged for the same, for the quarter ended the 29th September last.

Your Committee recommend—

That the undermentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled—

Bridges (*Act of* 1881.)

No. 464.	1883. August 6th	Heath, R.	£5,200	0	0
„ 465.	„ „	Lewis, F., and Co.	40	19	0
„ 466.	„ „	Hare and Co.	6	6	0
„ 467.	„ „	Phillips, J. and J.	26	0	0

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4863.	1883. July 9th.	Flight, Mrs. M. C.	£52	10	0

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
DONALD MUNRO,
G. P. MEADEN,
JOHN TOLHURST.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
FRASER AND FRASER—(2334)—		
2942 Repairs to boilers at Abbey Mills pumping-station, August and September, 1883	9 18 5	
CORY, W., AND SON—(2424)—		
2943 Coals for Abbey Mills and Western pumping-stations, July to September, 1883	910 12 5	
NICHOLS, W., AND SON—(2335)—		
2944 Water-boots, quarter to 30th June, 1883—		
Abbey Mills and Western pumping-stations ... £10 3 -		
Flushers, flapkeepers, &c. (Area A) ... ... 17 10 -		
	27 13 -	
COULSON, STOKES AND CO.—(2417)—		
2945 Ironmongery, tools, &c., for use at parks, commons, &c., quarter to 30th June, 1883...	36 1 10	
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(2319)—		
2946 Making pit-lights and repairs to w.c., Southwark-park, February and May, 1883	20 12 6	
HAMMER, G. M., AND CO.—(2321)—		
2947 Steps for use at Peckham-rye-common, &c., August, 1883 ...	4 - -	
CHILDS, W. J. AND C.—(2325)—		
2948 Repairs to garden-tools, &c., Southwark-park, May to September, 1883	6 5 -	
WILLING AND CO.—(2328)—		
2949 Enamelled iron badges for drivers on commons, &c., August, 1883	7 10 -	
MESTON, J. F.—(2323)—		
2950 Drainage-works at Hampstead-heath, April, 1883 ... £49 18 -		
Carting-work, &c., June to September, 1883—		
Parks, commons, &c. 32 14 6		
Finsbury-park (new roads) 3 7 6		
	86 - -	
WILLIAMS, SON AND WALLINGTON—(2324)—		
2951 Watering trees, cartage, &c., Shepherd's-bush common, Wormwood-scrubs and Parson's-green, June to August, 1883	15 1 7	
Carried forward	£1,123 14 9	...

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	1,123	14	9	...		
WRIGHT, C.—(2320)—							
2952	Carting-work at Peckham-rye-common, June to October, 1883 ...	8	–	–			
HOBMAN, A. T., AND SON—(2326)—							
2953	Carting-work at Southwark-park, Blackheath, &c., July, 1883 ...	11	10	–			
BOARD OF WORKS FOR THE HACKNEY DISTRICT—(2327)—							
2954	Water for trees on Hackney-commons, April to September, 1883 ...	4	3	3			
MILNE, SONS AND MACFIE—(2317)—							
2955	Gas-fittings and materials, quarter to 30th June, 1883—						
	Leicester-square-garden £9 2 3						
	Gas-meter testing-houses 3 14 4						
		12	16	7			
COMPTON J., AND SONS—(2362)—							
2956	Uniform-clothing, August, 1883—						
	Parks, commons, &c. ... ... £– 19 6						
	Offices, Spring-gardens 4 9 6						
		5	9	–			
TOWNSON AND MERCER—(2309)—							
2957	Chemicals, &c., for use of chemical department, and for testing gas, July to September, 1883	24	12	–			
HANCOCK, J. L.—(2293)—							
2958	Hose and tubing for use at gas-meter testing-house, Spitalfields, August, 1883	43	–	–			
DISTRICT SURVEYORS—(2386)—							
	Fees, *re* dangerous structures—						
2959	Carritt, E. £25 7 6						
2960	Coats, W. ... ... 2 5 –						
2961	Drury, E. D. ... ... 4 15 –						
2962	Fletcher, B. ... ... 5 – –						
2963	Grose, V. J. 6 17 6						
2964	Hammon, H. J. ... ... 2 – –						
2965	Hewitt, E. R. 11 11 3						
2966	Jennings, J. 2 11 3						
2967	Kerr, R. 5 17 6						
2968	Large, W. A. 16 2 6						
2969	McDonell, G. ... ... 2 10 –						
2970	Markham, S. S. 7 17 6						
2971	Notley, R. P. 7 17 6						
2972	Oliver, H. 4 2 6						
2973	Payne, A. ... ... 3 – –						
2974	Plumbe, R. ... ... 4 5 –						
2975	Wallen, F. ... ... 2 10 –						
2976	Whichcord, J. ... ... 4 5 –						
2977	Woodthorpe, E. 10 12 6						
		129	7	6			
SWIFT, G. F., AND CO.—(2361)—							
2978	Re-filling prestograph trays with composition, &c., August, 1883 ...	5	14	6			
TAYLOR, A. E., AND BRADFORD—(2427)—							
2979	Linoleum mats, &c., for offices, Spring-gardens, October, 1883 ...	14	5	3			
SMITH, W. AND F.—(2426)—							
2980	Cleaning and repairing office windows, half-year to 30th June, 1883	45	10	10			
CONNELL, W., AND CO.—(2429)—							
2981	Washing office-towels, dusters, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883	8	5	3			
OFFICE OF WOODS, &c., per W. C. Higgins—(2418)—							
2982	Half-year's rent in respect of offices, Spring-gardens, due 10th October, 1883	184	5	–			
LONDON STEAMBOAT CO.—(2420)—							
2983	Hire of steamer for Committee on view, July, 1883	14	–	–			
TILLING, T.—(2423)—							
2984	Hire of conveyances for Committees on view, July and August, 1883	20	5	–			
	Carried forward	£1,654	18	11	...		

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	1,654 18 11	...
Abel, F. A.—(2336)—			
2985	Professional charges, June, 1883, *re* Metropolitan District Railway ventilators	116 12 -	
Noon and Clark—(2384)—			
2986	Defendants' costs, *re* Serff (Building Act), October, 1883	3 3 -	
Gas for premises occupied by the Board—(2432)—			
2987	Gas Light and Coke Co.	£112 1 8	
2988	West Ham Gas Co.	90 - -	
		202 1 8	
Water for premises occupied by the Board—(2431)—			
2989	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co.	£29 17 9	
2990	East London Waterworks Co.	21 8 10	
2991	Chelsea Waterworks Co.	9 12 6	
2992	New River Co.	130 5 6	
2993	West Middlesex Waterworks Co.	4 10 -	
		195 14 7	
			2,172 10 2
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.			
Mills and Knight—(2379)—			
1045	Repairs to floats, quarter to 30th September, 1883	31 12 11	
Norris, S. E., and Co.—(2367)—			
1046	Hose, leather for repairs, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883 ...	135 15 6	
Clamp, G.—(2378)—			
1047	Taking charge of engine, gear, &c., at North Woolwich, quarter to 30th September, 1883	6 10 -	
Lillie, H. W.—(2369)—			
1048	Firewood, July to September, 1883	78 2 6	
Radford, D., and Co.—(2370)—			
1049	Coals for engines, &c., July to September, 1883	79 8 6	
Green, Holland and Sons—(2371)—			
1050	Coals and coke for engines, floats, &c., July 1883	134 18 3	
Cory, W., and Son—(2372)—			
1051	Coals for stations, July to September, 1883	363 9 -	
Maple and Co.—(2368)—			
1052	Iron bedsteads for men's quarters, September, 1883	19 16 -	
Smallbone, C.—(2377)—			
1053	Furniture for men's quarters, quarter to 30th September, 1883	30 10 6	
Almond, G. and W.—(2366)—			
1054	Helmets and fittings, September, 1883	32 8 -	
Compton, J., and Son—(2374)—			
1055	Uniform-clothing, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883	200 5 11	
Browne, C. F., Executrix of—(2373)—			
1056	Retiring allowance from Midsummer to 6th September, 1883 (date of decease)	25 8 6	
Gas for sundry stations—(2363)—			
1057	South Metropolitan Gas Co.	£135 - 2	
1058	Woolwich, Plumstead &c., Gas Co.	2 10 5	
1059	Crystal Palace Gas Co.	3 8 7	
1060	Wandsworth and Putney Gas Co.	2 3 1	
		143 2 3	
Water for sundry stations—(2375)—			
1061	Chelsea Waterworks Co.	4 8 -	
			1,285 15 10
FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.			
Tink, W. D.—(2382)—			
1062	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Willow-walk, Kentish-town (No. 615)		750 - -
	Carried forward		£4,208 6 -

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		4,208 6 –
MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
ALLDRED, G.—(2436)—		
1022 Balance of amount of contract and extras for construction of sewer in Guilford-street, Russell-square (No. 562)	241 6 –	
PEARSON, S., AND SON—(2434)—		
1023 Further on account of contract for construction of storm-overflow sewer at Deptford (No. 625)	2,516 – –	
		2,757 6 –
STREETS (ACT OF 1877).		
O'HARA, R.—(2385)—		
6549 Counsel's fees, November, 1882, to March, 1883, *re* amendment of 33rd section	50 16 6	
DE GREY, HON. J.—(2421)—		
6550 Counsel's fees, August, 1883, *re* Kendall (Piccadilly)	20 5 –	
		71 1 6
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).		
HODGES AND SON—(2419)—		
532 Short-hand notes, July, 1883, *re* Drew		6 19 6
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
NOWELL AND ROBSON—(2435)—		
5007 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Popham-street, Islington (No. 660)		1,300 – –
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.		
SHAND, MASON AND CO.—(2376)—		
1292 *Fire Brigade Working Account*—		
Repairs to engines, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883 ...	143 17 –	
Fire Brigade Capital Account—		
New engines, September, 1883	895 – –	
		1,038 17 –
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(2416)—		
1293 Hoarding and shoring premises taken by the Board for improvements—		
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	487 10 7	
Consolidated Loans Fund	70 18 7	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	1,124 15 3	
		1,683 4 5
PETT, W.—(2430)—		
1294 Repairs to premises occupied by tenants of the Board, July, 1883—		
Consolidated Loans Fund	504 18 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	60 6 7	
		565 5 1
CHADWICK AND SONS—(2381)—		
1295 Charges for distraints for rent, November, 1881, to October, 1883—		
Consolidated Loans Fund	1 9 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	2 1 6	
		3 11 –
STREET BROTHERS—(2428)—		
1296 Advertisements, August, 1883—		
General Working Account	14 7 –	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	10 14 –	
Consolidated Loans Fund	24 16 8	
		49 17 8
PHILLIPS, J. AND J.—(2422)—		
1297 Fair-copying, stamps, &c., July, 1883—		
General Working Account	203 5 8	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	4 11 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	96 12 4	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	14 5 2	
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	17 18 6	
		336 13 2
Carried forward		£12,021 1 4

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	...	12,021 1 4
East London Waterworks Co.—(2415)—			
1298	Water for premises occupied by tenants of the Board—		
	Consolidated Loans Fund	3 18 1	
	Dwelling House Impovement Fund	43 4 9	
			47 2 10
South Metropolitan Gas Co.—(2433)—			
1299	Gas for premises occupied by the Board—		
	General Working Account	3 14 10	
	Bridges (*Act of* 1877) ... ... ,, ...	1 18 6	
			5 13 4
Smith, J., and Eustace, E.—(2437)—			
1300	Commission on rents collected by them during the quarter ended Michaelmas, 1883—		
	Bridges (*Act of* 1877)	3 - -	
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund	3 17 1	
	Consolidated Loans Fund	67 2 1	
			73 19 2
Transfer to Wages and Petty Disbursement Account—(2364)—			
	Repayment of advances—		
1301	Petty disbursements, 15th to 27th October, 1883—		
	a General Working Account £68 5 1		
	b Fire Brigade Working Account ... £27 19 11		
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... 1 2 7		
	29 2 6		
	c Main Drainage and Main Sewers ... ... - 8 3		
	d Thames Floods Prevention ... ... 3 - 2		
	£100 16 -		
	Weekly pensions, to 27th October, 1883—		
	e Fire Brigade Working Account ... ... 37 - 4		
	Copies of documents, *re* Pass (Putney)—		
	f Bridges (*Act of* 1881) ... ... - 8 8		
	Insurance Premiums for premises taken by the Board—		
	g Consolidated Loans Fund ... ... 1 18 -		
	Property-tax on rent paid to the Board—		
	h Consolidated Loans Fund 1 16 10		
	Amount withdrawn—		
	i Firemen's Savings Fund ... ... 15 14 -		
	Compensation to weekly tenants on removal—		
	j Bridges (*Act of* 1881) ... ... £10 - -		
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund 5 - -		
	15 - -		
	£172 13 10		
	Postages, 15th to 27th October, 1883—		
	k General Working Account ... ... 23 - -		
		195 13 10	
	Expenses at fires, &c., September, 1883—		
	l Fire Brigade Working Account £276 3 6		
	Rent of lodgings for firemen, October, 1883—		
	m Fire Brigade Working Account 212 3 2		
	Amount paid into court on applying for order, *re* Greedus (Piccadilly)—		
	n Streets (*Act of* 1877) ... ... 5 - -		
	Amount paid to C. A. Wadeson, for mounted drawing paper, supplied, September, 1883—		
	o General Working Account 5 5		
	Amounts paid for renewal of licenses—		
	Consolidated Loans Fund—		
	p The "Havelock Arms" (Gray's-inn-road)... 30 5 3		
	q The "Cock" (Piccadilly) 25 5 3		
	£554 2 2	195 13 10	12,147 16 8

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward				12,147 16 8
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*)		£554 2 2		195 13 10	
Weekly wages, two weeks to 31st October, 1883—					
r General Working Account ...	£1,636 19 7				
Fire Brigade Working Account ...	3 11 –				
General Capital Account ...	6 6 –				
Fire Brigade Capital Account ...	31 – –				
Main Drainage and Main Sewers...	125 19 6				
Parks and Open Spaces	6 6 –				
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	43 7 3				
Thames Floods Prevention ...	51 16 7				
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	32 2 –				
Bridges (*Act of* 1883)	17 2 –				
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)	22 4 –				
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	46 16 6				
Consolidated Loans Fund... ...	23 4 –				
		2,046 14 5			
Firemen's wages, two weeks to 3rd November, 1883—					
Fire Brigade Working Account		2,004 6 4			
				4,605 2 11	
				4,800 16 9	
Amounts to be paid through the Account—					
Bills, &c., for sums under £2—					
s General Working Account—					
Murray, J.—Hire of conveyance for Committee on view	£1 5 6				
Tithe Commissioners—Tracing, &c., Hackney-commons	– 13 6				
Stanley, W. F.—Repairs to drawing instruments...	– 1 6				
New River Co.—Rent of bank, Finsbury-park	– 7 6				
Rosher, F.—Silver-sand for Finsbury-park	1 2 –				
Bathe, J.—Repairs to garden-tools, Southwark-park	1 18 –				
Burrell, F. W.—Repairs to tools, &c., Clapham-common	1 6 –				
Dangerfield and Blythe—Copies of documents	– 14 2				
District Surveyors—Fees, *re* dangerous structures	16 18 9				
		24 6 5			
Vestry Clerks—					
t General Working Account—					
Allowances for services in connection with Census returns, 1881—					
Hilton, W.	£2 2 –				
Prockter, E....	1 11 6				
Glynes, R.	1 11 6				
		5 5 –			
Rates and taxes for premises occupied by the Board, or taken for improvements—					
u General Working Account		152 13 6			
v Fire Brigade Working Account		166 11 9			
w Consolidated Loans Fund ...	£53 17 8				
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	8 18 2				
		62 15 10			
				411 12 6	
					5,212 9 3
					£17,360 5 11

Certified,
(*signed*) A GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(*signed*) HENRY HARBEN,
G. P. MEADEN,
E. DRESSER ROGERS,
CHAS. HARRIS,
JNO. ABBOTT,
DONALD MUNRO.

RETURN *submitted by the Committee, showing the number of Gas Meters received by each Inspector, with the amount of Fees charged for the same, for the quarter ending 29th September*, 1883.

Week ending	Number of Meters.				Amount of Fees.			
	Mr. Airey.	Mr. Dethridge.	Mr. Mills.	Total.	White Lion-street, Spitalfields.	Southwark-street.	St. Ann-street, Westminster.	Total.
1883.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
July 7	254	331	611	1,196	9 13 –	37 15 6	22 1 –	69 9 6
„ 14	431	498	676	1,605	15 8 –	17 5 –	27 16 –	60 9 –
„ 21	422	517	690	1,629	15 14 6	16 17 –	26 9 –	59 – 6
„ 28	239	552	639	1,430	8 12 6	18 14 6	23 19 6	51 6 6
Aug. 4	321	381	644	1,346	10 12 6	13 4 6	25 14 –	49 11 –
„ 11	268	425	546	1,239	9 14 –	12 13 6	23 8 6	45 16 –
„ 18	334	552	587	1,473	13 6 –	18 17 –	19 9 6	51 12 6
„ 25	316	520	522	1,358	12 5 –	18 7 –	19 13 –	50 5 –
Sept. 1	286	582	710	1,578	10 16 –	19 7 6	26 9 6	56 13 –
„ 8	480	528	492	1,500	18 9 –	17 – 6	17 19 –	53 8 6
„ 15	291	480	614	1,385	10 – 6	16 9 –	22 17 –	49 6 6
„ 22	265	600	743	1,608	9 2 –	22 16 –	24 18 6	56 16 6
„ 29	505	426	448	1,379	18 5 6	16 3 6	15 11 –	50 – –
	4,412	6,392	7,922	18,726	161 18 6	245 10 6	296 5 6	703 14 6

(*Signed*) HENRY AIREY, G. DETHRIDGE, G. MILLS, Inspectors of Gas Meters.

(*Signed*) W. J. DIBDIN, Superintendent.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £17,360 5s. 11d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, as specified in the Five series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to E inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting, by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on Structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Badger, C. J.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
2	Carritt, E.	19	25 7 6	...	...	25 7 6
3	Clarkson, J.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
4	Coats, W.	1	1 7 6	1	– 17 6	2 5 –
5	Drury, E. D....	6	4 15 –	...	...	4 15 –
6	Fletcher, B.	4	5 – –	...	...	5 – –
7	Grose, V. J.	5	6 10 –	1	– 7 6	6 17 6
8	Gundry, H.	2	1 15 –	...	...	1 15 –
	Carried forward ...	39	46 15 –	2	1 5 –	47 10 –

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	39	46 15 –	2	1 5 –	47 10 –
9	Hammon, H. J.	1	– 17 6	2	1 2 6	2 – –
10	Hewitt, E. R.	13	11 11 3	...	...	11 11 3
11	Jennings, J.	4	2 11 3	...	...	2 11 3
12	Kerr, R.	4	5 – –	1	– 17 6	5 17 6
13	Knightley, T. E.	1	1 10 –	...	...	1 10 –
14	Lansdown, G.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
15	Large, W. A....	23	16 2 6	...	...	16 2 6
16	Legg, H. S.	1	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
17	McDonell, G.	3	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
18	Markham, S. S.	8	7 17 6	...	...	7 17 6
19	Mathews, J. D.	1	– 12 6	...	...	– 12 6
20	Meeson, F. R.	2	1 6 3	...	...	1 6 3
21	Notley, R. P.	6	7 17 6	...	...	7 17 6
22	Oliver, H.	3	4 2 6	...	...	4 2 6
23	Payne, A.	3	3 – –	...	...	3 – –
24	Plumbe, R.	6	4 5 –	...	...	4 5 –
25	Smith, T. R.	1	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
26	Stenning, A. R.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
27	Tanner, A. W.	2	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
28	Tolley, J.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
29	Wallen, F.	2	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
30	Whichcord, J.	4	4 5 –	...	...	4 5 –
31	Williams, T.	1	1 15 –	...	...	1 15 –
32	Wood, S.	1	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
33	Woodthorpe, E.	13	10 12 6	...	...	10 12 6
		145	143 1 3	5	3 5 –	146 6 3

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £30, in favour of the Vestry of Chelsea, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the Improvement at the South-West corner of Dartrey-road.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £150, in favour of the Vestry of Chelsea, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the Improvement in front of the Cancer Hospital, in the Fulham-road.

A Cheque was thereupon drawn on the General Capital Account for a sum of £180 in favour of the Vestry.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to consider and report what amount should be contributed by the Board towards the Improvement carried out by the Vestry of St. Pancras, at Mabledon-place, Euston-road.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Wandsworth District Board for permission to borrow, and also for the advance of, a sum of £3,000, towards defraying the cost of widening Wandsworth-lane, from High-street, Putney, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 31st January, the 30th April, the 31st July, and the 31st October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, with a period of Fifty-eight years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, and seconded—That the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for a Loan of a sum of £1,000 be granted, on the conditions recommended by the Committee.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Meaden, and seconded by Mr. Dalton—That the period for the re-payment of the Loan be 30 years, instead of 58 years, as recommended by the Committee.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and, having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved—That the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for permission to borrow, and also for the advance of a sum of £1,000, towards defraying the cost of widening the public way at the corner of High-street and Red Lion-street, Wandsworth, be granted; that, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the amount be advanced by this Board out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 31st January, the 30th April, the 31st July and the 31st October in each year. and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within a period of Thirty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That, in the case of all future sales of Ground-rents and Surplus lands belonging to the Board, it be an instruction to the Solicitor to provide in the conditions of sale that the amounts to be paid by way of deposit shall be paid to the Board's Cashier, instead of to the Auctioneer conducting the sale, as heretofore.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be now cancelled—

Bridges (*Act of* 1881.)

No. 464.	1883.	August 6th.	Heath, R.	£5,200	0 0
,, 465.	,,	,,	Lewis, F., and Co.	40	19 0
,, 466.	,,	,,	Hare and Co.	6	6 0
,, 467.	,,	,,	Phillips, J. and J.	26	0 0

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4863.	1883.	July 9th.	Flight, Mrs. M. C.	52	10 0

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

11. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 5th November, 1883.

Under the authority conferred upon them, your Committee have drawn the following Cheques—

Queen Victoria-street.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Heales—(2387)—		
Purchase-money for Rent-charge issuing out of No. 27, Bucklersbury—		
425 Heales, A.	133 6 8	
426 Heales, Miss M.	66 13 4	
		200 - -
Streets (*Act of* 1877.)		
Re Glossop (Piccadilly)—(2388)—		
Glossop, F. H. N., and Holmes, R.—		
6519 Purchase-money for Freehold of Nos. 30 and 31, Greek-street, and Nos. 62 to 65, King-street, Soho	5,400 - -	
Carried forward	£5,400 - -	200 - -

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	5,400 – –	200 – –
	Horwood, J.—		
6520	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	42 – –	
	Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
6521	Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	10 10 –	
	Re Pritchard's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2389)—		
	Hubbard, H. S.—		
6522	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10 4 10	
	Re Bigg and others (Piccadilly)—(2390)—		
	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 7 and 8, Great White Lion-street—		
6523	Bigg, Miss A. ... ... £190 – –		
6524	Bigg, E. F. 253 6 8		
6525	Bigg, F. 253 6 8		
6526	London and Westminster Bank, Limited 253 6 8		
		950 – –	
	Clifton, E. N.—		
6527	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	27 6 –	
	Prior, Bigg, Church and Adams—		
6528	Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	7 7 –	
	Re Harris (Piccadilly)—(2391)—		
	Clarkson, Greenwell and Wyles—		
6529	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	36 – –	
	Re Pearson (Gray's-inn-road)—(2392 and 2393)—		
	Merriman, Pike and Merriman—		
6530	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	22 18 8	
6531	Proportion of tenants' Rent of No. 3, Tyndall's-buildings, to 11th July, 1883, and interest on Purchase-money from that date to 31st October, 1883 (less Tax)	5 9 9	
	Re Pole and Humphries (Piccadilly)—(2394)—		
	Humphries, H.—		
6532	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 11, Bloomsbury-street, including Trade compensation	950 – –	
	Baines, C., and Ball—		
6533	Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	18 18 –	
	Re Cato (Piccadilly)—(2395)—		
	Cato, E.—		
6534	Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 3, Church-street, Soho	570 – –	
	Baines, C., and Ball—		
6535	Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	14 14 –	
	Re Rutishauser and Nagel (Piccadilly)—(2396)—		
	Matthews, J. A. S.—		
6536	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	13 8 2	
	Carried forward	£8,078 16 5	200 – –

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	8,078 16 5	200 - -
Re Smith and Lee (Piccadilly)—(2397)—		
Smith, H., and Lee, J. H.—		
6537 Purchase money for Leasehold interest in No. 51, Wardour-street, including Trade compensation	750 - -	
Baines, C., and Ball—		
6538 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	21 - -	
Lee, J. H.—		
6539 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	5 5 -	
Re Hoe (Piccadilly)—(2398)—		
Hoe, W. W.—		
6540 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in the "Three Crowns," Public-house, Richmond-street, including Trade compensation	1,500 - -	
Wyer, J.—		
6541 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	31 - -	
Re Hamilton (Piccadilly)—(2399)—		
Keen, Rogers and Co.—		
6542 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	10 12 4	
Re Turner (Piccadilly)—(2400)—		
Turner, B. B.—		
6543 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 15, Great Windmill-street, and Nos. 4 and 5, Catherine-wheel-yard	4,500 - -	
Reid, R.—		
6544 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	79 16 -	
Miller, S. F., and Son—		
6545 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	6 6 -	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
6546 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	12 5 -	
		14,995 - 9
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Legg—(2401)—		
Purchase-money for Fee-simple in No. 181, Tooley-street, and rights in gateway in Sharp's-court—		
37 Legg, C. ... ... £925 - -		
38 Legg, C., and Legg, G. ... ... 925 - -		
	1,850 - -	
Legg, G.—		
39 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	24 3 -	
Re Terry—(2402)—		
Terry, T. C.—		
40 Purchase-money for Yearly tenancy in portion of No. 185, Tooley-street...	35 - -	
Billing, A.—		
41 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	3 3 -	
Carried forward ...	...£1,912 6 -	15,195 9 9

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1,912	6	–	15,195	9	9
Re Arkcoll and Cockell—(2403)—						
Arkcoll and Cockell—						
42 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 190, Tooley-street ... £904 – –						
43 Compensation for business, &c. ... 2,346 – –						
	3,250	–	–			
44 Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	10	10	–			
Snooke and Stock—						
45 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	31	10	–			
				5,204	6	–
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).						
Re Pettiward (Putney)—(2404 and 2405)—						
Broughton and Broughton—						
530 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	71	8	–			
Broughton and Broughton—						
531 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c	159	5	7			
				230	13	7
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.						
Re Myers (Goulston-street)—(2406)—						
Shaen, Roscoe and Co.—						
5000 Costs of Title and Conveyance	25	6	8			
Re Millett (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2407)—						
Woodbridge and Sons—						
5001 Interest on apportioned Purchase-money to 16th October, 1883 (less Tax)	5	19	10			
Re Granger (Goulston-street)—(2408)—						
Gregory, H.—						
5002 One-year's Rent of Nos. 94 and 95, Middlesex-street, to Lady-day, 1883 (less Tax) ...	97	5	10			
Re Phillips (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2409)—						
Phillips, C.—						
5003 Compensation for Yearly tenancy in strip of land on South side of White Hart-place ...	20	–	–			
Re Kightley (Whitechapel and Limehouse)—(2410)—						
Kightley—						
5004 Compensation for temporary stopping up right-of-way over Cooper's-court	20	–	–			
Chamberlain, J. M.—						
5005 Solicitor's Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	7	7	–			
Freeman, B.—(2411)—						
5006 Compensation for removal from Nos. 21 and 22, Flower and Dean-street	30	–	–			
				205	19	4
Consolidated Loans Fund.						
Re Leathart (Piccadilly)—(2412)—						
Leathart, C. G.—						
966 One-quarter's Rent of No. 45, Rupert-street, due Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)	18	7	2			
Carried forward	£18	7	2	20,836	8	8

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	18 7 2	20,836 8 8
Re Knight (Tooley-street)—(2413)—		
Allen and Son—		
967 Proportion of tenant's Rent of No. 178, Tooley-street, to 14th August, 1883 (less Tax), and Insurance, less proportion of Ground-rent to same date	5 11 2	
Re "The Artichoke" Public-house (Camberwell)—(2414)—		
Legge, T. W.—		
968 Services in obtaining Transfer of Licenses ...	50 - -	
		73 18 4
		£20,909 18 -

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques, as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand more than Three months—

Streets (*Act of* 1877).

Re Hawkins (Gray's-inn-road)—(713)—		
Bank of England, for Chancery—		
6547 Purchase-money	£120 - -	
Baines, C., and Ball—		
6548 Surveyors' Fee	7 7 -	
		£127 7 -

Your Committee submit, for the information of the Board, an account of Sales, by Tender, by Messrs. Horne, Eversfield and Co., of building materials of the "Bull's Head" Public-house, in High-street, Whitechapel, on 12th July, 1882, and of No. 48 Great Windmill-street, and No. 30, Denman-street, Soho, on 1st March, 1883—

Proceeds of Sales	£35 - -
Commission, £7 10s. per cent.	2 12 6
Amount received by Board, 26th October, 1883	£32 7 6

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 26th ultimo (No. 43), from the Vestry of Lambeth, stating that the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. John's, Waterloo-road, had offered to the Vestry the management and control of the Churchyard, to be used as an Open Space for the public, and asking the Board to contribute one-half (not exceeding £50) of the expense of the yearly maintenance, on condition that the Vestry accept the care and control of the same for a term of years. In connection with this Letter, your Committee have also considered the Letter, referred at the same time, from Messrs. Pontifex, Hewitt and Pitt, on behalf of the Vicar, urging the Board to co-operate with the Vestry in relieving the Vicar and Churchwardens of the expense and responsibility of maintaining the Churchyard as an Open Space and thoroughfare in future. It is not the practice of the Board to contribute to the cost of the maintenance of such spaces, and your Committee are not prepared to recommend a departure from the usual course. They recommend—

That the Vestry and Messrs. Pontifex, Hewitt and Pitt be informed that the Board are not prepared to comply with the request.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 19th ultimo (No. 2), your Committee have considered the Memorial, presented to the Board by a Deputation from Owners of property and Ratepayers in the Parish of Acton, relative to the drainage of that Parish being admitted into the Board's Main Drainage system. They have also had before them the Letter from the Acton Local Board, referred on the 26th ultimo (No 45),

taking exception to certain statements made by the Deputation, and stating that the Local Board are still willing to treat with this Board for the taking of the Sewage of Acton on equitable terms, and that they are desirous of sending a Deputation to this Board to discuss the subject. The view of the Local Board and their advisers is, that if this Board would agree to take in perpetuity the house-drainage, or sewage proper, of Acton, the Local Board would construct a culvert to take the land water of the Stamford-brook (West Branch) direct into the Thames. The view on which this Board have acted hitherto, is that the Local Board should provide for the house-drainage of the Parish, by keeping it out of the Brook, and this Board would then effectually deal with the flood-water after heavy rains. This view is consistent with the Metropolis Management and Main Drainage Acts ; no further powers have to be sought from Parliament, and all complications of drainage or rating areas are avoided. For these reasons, your Committee are of opinion that the Local Board should confine their attention to providing for the house-drainage of their area, and for keeping it out of this Board's Sewer (the Stamford-brook, West Branch). Your Committee recommend—

That replies to the above effect be addressed to the Deputation, and to the Acton Local Board.

Your Committee have considered the Memorial, referred to them on the 19th January last (No. 2), from inhabitants of Farringdon-street, on the subject of floodings of the basement floors of houses in that street. The Memorialists ask the Board to execute such works as may prevent a recurrence of the flooding, and to compensate such of the inhabitants as sustained damage on the occasion referred to. The flooding occurred during a heavy rain-storm, and an extraordinary high tide on the afternoon of Saturday, the 28th October, 1882. Your Committee learn from your Engineer, that in the course of the subsequent examination of the Sewers it was found that there were numerous untrapped Local Sewers and untrapped drains entering the Main Fleet Sewer in Farringdon-street, up which the water probably found its way into the basements of the houses. The trapping of these Sewers and drains has lately been completed, and for some time past the Main Sewer, and the locality, have been watched, and enquiry has also been made, with the result that it cannot be found that there has been any recurrence of the flooding since October, 1882. Your Committee recommend—

That the Memorialists be informed of the trapping of the drains, &c., but that the Board cannot admit their liability to pay compensation for any alleged damage resulting from the flooding on the occasion referred to.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 26th ultimo (No. 44), from Messrs. Ashurst, Morris, Crisp and Co., referring to the consent given by the Board in February last to a License being obtained from the Board of Trade, by the London Street Tramways Company, for the use, on the Caledonian-road Tramway, of mechanical power for three months, and stating that, the License having been granted by the Board of Trade, and having now expired, it was proposed to apply to that Board for a further License for 12 months, as provided by the Tramways Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1879; asking this Board to consent to the application, and stating that the Vestries of Islington and Clerkenwell, the road authorities, whose consent the Company are also required to obtain, have given their consent to the application. Your Committee have conferred with your Engineer and your Solicitor, and there does not appear to be any objection to a compliance with the request. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the Board do sanction the continuance of the use of mechanical power on the Caledonian-road Tramway for a period of One year.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 19th ultimo (No. 39), from the Greenwich District Board, requesting this Board to introduce into some Bill to be brought into Parliament by them, Clauses to enable a portion of the

Burial-ground of the Parish Church of St. Paul, Deptford, to be added to the adjoining highway of Church-street, as shown on the Plan accompanying the Letter. Your Committee have fully discussed the matter, and it does not appear to them desirable to take the course suggested by the District Board. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the District Board be informed that this Board do not consider it expedient to comply with the request.

Your Committee have had before them a Letter from the Chairman of a Sub-Committee of the Poplar District Board, stating that the Sub-Committee are of opinion that the formation of the proposed Street from Cotton-street to Preston's-road is one that this Board should undertake; but, that should this Board still consider it a Local Improvement, the District Board would contribute £5,000 towards the cost; and urging the promotion of the scheme in the next Session of Parliament. This Board on the 2nd August last, on the recommendation of your Committee, resolved to include the Improvement in some Bill to be promoted by them next Session, on condition that the District Board would bear one-half of the cost thereof. The District Board were so informed, and, in reply, they sent a Letter, which was referred to your Committee on the 28th September last, asking for an approximate Estimate of the cost of the work. This Estimate was accordingly furnished, and your Committee have now received the Letter which is the subject of the present Report. Having again given the matter careful attention, your Committee fail to see any sufficient reason for a departure from the terms of this Board's Resolution of the 2nd August, and they recommend—

That a reply to that effect be addressed to the District Board.

Your Committee have considered the Memorial, referred to them on the 2nd instant (No. 2), from Inhabitants of Kensal-green and its neighbourhood, in favour of the formation of a Park in that locality. The Memorialists point out what they conceive to be the necessities and advantages of the proposed Park, and they ask the Board to use their influence, in Parliament and out of it, to secure the desired benefits; but, on a consideration of the matter, your Committee are not prepared to recommend the Board to introduce a Bill for the purpose in the next Session. They recommend—

That the Memorialists be so informed.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. M^{c}GAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
JOHN ROBERT JOLLY,
HENRY HARBEN,
DONALD MUNRO,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W$^{M.}$ SHEPHERD,
JOHN TOLHURST,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W. DEBENHAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Account of sales, by tender, of building materials of the "Bull's Head" Public-house, in High-street, Whitechapel, and of No. 48, Great Windmill-street, and No. 30, Denman-street, Soho, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It [was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the Vestry of Lambeth and Messrs. Pontifex, Hewitt and Pitt be informed, in reply to their Letters asking the Board to contribute towards the yearly maintenance, as an Open Space, of the

Churchyard of St. John's, Waterloo-road, that it is not the practice of the Board to contribute to the cost of the maintenance of such Spaces, and that they are not prepared to comply with the request.

The motion having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That replies, founded upon the Report, be sent to the Memorial from Owners of property and ratepayers in the Parish of Acton, and to the Letter from the Acton Local Board of Health, relative to the drainage of that Parish being admitted into this Board's Main Drainage system.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the substance of the Report made by the Engineer be communicated to Mr. C. Higham, and others, in reply to their Memorial on the subject of floodings of the basement floors of houses in Farringdon-street, on the 28th October, 1882; and that the parties be informed that the Board cannot admit their liability to pay compensation for any alleged damage resulting from the flooding.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do sanction the continuance of the use of mechanical power by the London Street Tramway Company, on the Caledonian-road Tramway, for a period of One year.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Greenwich District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter requesting this Board to introduce into some Bill to be brought into Parliament by them, Clauses to enable a portion of the Burial-ground of the Parish Church of St. Paul, Deptford, to be added to the adjoining highway of Church-street, that this Board do not consider it expedient to comply with the request.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the Poplar District Board be informed, in reply to the Letter, received from the Chairman of one of their Sub-Committees, stating that the District Board would be willing to contribute £5,000 towards the cost of the suggested new Street from Cotton-street to Preston's-road, that this Board must adhere to their previous Resolution to include the work in one of the Bills to be promoted by them in Parliament, upon condition that the District Board will pay one-half of the cost of carrying out the same.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Poplar District Board be informed that this Board will give the necessary Parliamentary Notices, with a view to obtain power to form the suggested new Street from Cotton-street to Preston's-road, but that they can only consent to proceed with the Improvement upon condition that the District Board will pass a Resolution agreeing to pay one-half of the cost of the work.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was subsequently moved by Mr. Cook, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Parliamentary Committee to take the necessary steps for giving the Notices referred to in the foregoing Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Deputation of inhabitants of Kensal-green, and its neighbourhood, be informed, in reply to their Memorial in favour of the formation of a Park in that locality, that the Board are not prepared to introduce a Bill for the purpose in the next Session of Parliament.

12. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 30th October, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications

relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz.—

Date.	Application.
19th April, 1883.	Vestry of Shoreditch, for re-numbering the houses in Pritchard's-road.
14th July, 1882.	Whitechapel District Board, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the District.
12th April, 1883.	Vestry of Camberwell, for re-naming certain streets in the Parish.
16th May, 1883.	Westminster District Board, for re-numbering the houses in Ship-court, Horseferry-road.
16th May, 1883.	Vestry of Paddington, for re-numbering the houses in Delamere-street and the abolition of the subsidiary name.
15th June, 1883.	Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, for re-numbering the houses in Mill-street.
18th June, 1883.	Mr. F. W. W. Topham, asking that numbers may be assigned to the houses in Prince Arthur-road, Hampstead.
6th July, 1883.	Messrs. Parkins and Weston, on behalf of the Freeholders, asking that John-street, Broadway, London-fields, may be re-named, and the houses re-numbered.
17th Aug., 1883.	Vestry of Camberwell, asking that an Order may be issued for numbering houses in course of erection in Elmington-terrace, in continuation of those already numbered by order of the Board.
11th and 27th Sept. and 2nd Oct., 1883.	Captain Bruce, asking that the houses in Edgware-road, ordered by the Board to be numbered 4 and 6, may be re-numbered and described as 10A and 11A, Hyde-park-lane.
20th Oct., 1883.	Mr. W. H. Pemberton Barnes, asking that the new street at Stepney extending from Charles-street to Heath-street, Plans for the formation of which have been approved, may be named "Senrab-street, E.," in lieu of Bryce-street.

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That the subsidiary names in Pritchard's-road, Shoreditch, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Lombard-street, Mile-end New-town, be re-numbered.

That Plummer's-lane and Ada-road, Brunswick-square, Camberwell, be incorporated under the name "Ada-road, S.E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Belgrave-terrace and Haymerle-road, Camberwell, be incorporated under the name "Haymerle-road, S.E." and the houses re-numbered.

That Ship-court and Cottage-place, Horseferry-road, Westminster, be incorporated under the name "Ship-court, S.W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary name in Delamere-street, Paddington, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Mill-street, St. George, Hanover-square, be re-numbered.

That the houses in Prince Arthur-road, Hampstead, be numbered.

That John-street, Broadway, London-fields, Hackney, be re-named "Bremen-street, E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in course of erection in Elmington-terrace, Camberwell, be numbered as shown on the Plan.

That Captain Bruce be informed, in reply to his Letters, that the Board deem it inexpedient to make any alteration in the numbering and description of the houses Nos. 4 and 6, Edgware-road.

That "Senrab-street, E." be substituted for Bryce-street, as the name of the new street from Charles-street to Heath-street, Stepney, the Plans for the formation of which were approved by the Board on the 10th November, 1882, and the 10th August, 1883.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD.
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W. DEBENHAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Pritchard's-road, in the respective Parishes of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, and St. Leonard, Shoreditch, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,188, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 151, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 120, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the name Ann's-place, and any other name or names now in use in Pritchard's-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Pritchard's-road, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestries of Bethnal-green and Shoreditch, respectively, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883 appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Lombard-street, in the Hamlet of Mile-end New-town, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,189, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 5, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 14, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Lombard-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Ada-road and Plummer's-lane, in the Parish of Camberwell, in the County of Surrey, be marked with

the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,190, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 23, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 18, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Plummer's-lane, Stanley-cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Ada-road and Plummer's-lane, and the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Ada-road, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Camberwell, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Haymerle-road and Belgrave-terrace, in the Parish of Camberwell, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,191, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 57, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 84, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Peckham-park-road, that the names Belgrave-terrace, Argyle-terrace, Belgrave-place, and any other name or names now in use in Haymerle-road and Belgrave-terrace, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Haymerle-road S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Camberwell, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Ship-court and Cottage-place, Horseferry-road, in the Parish of St. John, Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,192, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 23, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers commencing with 2 and ending with 36, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the name Cottage-place, and any other name or names now in use in Ship-court and Cottage-place, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Ship-court, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Westminster District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Delamere-street, in the

Parish of Paddington, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,193, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 15, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 26, to those on the Northern side; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end; that the name Delamere-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Delamere-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Delamere-street, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Paddington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Mill-street, in the Parish of St. George, Hanover-square, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,194, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 15, being assigned to the houses on the North-Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 14, to those on the South-Western side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Maddox-street; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Mill-street, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Prince Arthur-road, in the Parish of St. John, Hampstead, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,195, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 7, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 18, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Prince Arthur-road, N.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Hampstead, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of John-street, London-fields, in the Parish of Hackney, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,196, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with

1 and ending with 23, being assigned to the houses on the South-Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 18, to those on the North-Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest the Broadway; that the name John-street, and any other name or names now in use in John-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Bremen-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Hackney District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 30th day of October, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. White—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in course of erection in Elmington-terrace, in the Parish of Camberwell, in the County of Surrey, be marked with consecutive numbers, commencing with 9 and ending with 13, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,197, and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Camberwell, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Captain Bruce be informed, in reply to his Letters, that the Board deem it inexpedient to make any alteration in the numbering and description of the houses Nos. 4 and 6, Edgware-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the name "Senrab-street, E," be substituted for Bryce-street, as the name of a new street leading from Charles-street to Heath-street, Stepney, the Plans for the formation of which were approved by the Board on the 10th November, 1882, and the 10th August, 1883.

13. Mr. Ingoldby, in the absence of Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 6th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under their direction, proceedings have been taken against Messrs. G. H. Daw and Co., for an infringement of the Regulations relating to the conveyance of Explosives by carrying Gunpowder on an omnibus. Messrs. Daw and Co. were fined 40s. and costs.

Your Committee submit an application from Mrs. Mary Berry, for the assent of the Board to the establishment of a Factory for Explosives (Bon-bon crackers, &c.), at No. 66, Bandon-road, Victoria-park, in accordance with the Draft License approved by the Home Secretary, and they recommend—

That Friday, the 14th December next, at One o'clock p.m., be fixed for hearing the application, and that the applicant be requested to issue the necessary Notices of the hearing.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration two applications for registration under the Infant Life Protection Act. The applicants have submitted the necessary Certificates of character, and the accommodation provided at their premises is in each case sufficient for the number of Infants proposed to be kept. Your Committee recommend—

That the applications of the following persons for registration under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at the premises named, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law in each case, fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises as follows—

Mrs. Eliza Preedy, No. 3, Adela-street, Kensal-road, Chelsea, two Infants.
Mrs. Marion Cobb, No. 3, Jeremiah-street, West India Dock-road, two Infants.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Messrs. Siemens, Brothers, for an additional License to keep

1,000 gallons of Petroleum at their premises in Harrington-road, Woolwich, in respect of which they at present hold a License for 3,000 gallons. The additional quantity will be stored on a part of the premises quite away from that on which Petroleum is at present stored, and, as the method of storage proposed is satisfactory, your Committee recommend—

> That an additional License be granted to Messrs. Siemens, Brothers and Co., for a period of one year, from the 9th instant, to keep 1,000 gallons of Petroleum at their premises in Harrington-road, Woolwich, in accordance with the terms of the special License submitted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mr. W. V. Aldridge, for the renewal of his License to keep Petroleum at No. 27, Islington-green. The conditions of his present License have been complied with, and your Committee recommend—

> That a License be granted to Mr. W. V. Aldridge, for a period of One year from the 9th instant, to keep 200 gallons of Petroleum at No. 27, Islington-green, in accordance with the terms of the special License submitted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mr. Alfred Thompson, for a License to keep 120 gallons of Petroleum at No. 124A, Stockwell-road, Brixton. The arrangements for storage are satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

> That a License be granted to Mr. Alfred Thompson, trading as the French Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Company, for a period of One year from the 9th instant, to keep 120 gallons of Petroleum at No. 124A, Stockwell-road, Brixton, in accordance with the terms of the special License submitted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Messrs. Pilgrim and Payne, for a License to keep 600 gallons of Petroleum at their Park-street works, in Latimer-road, Hammersmith. Messrs. Pilgrim and Payne have carried out the works which were required by your Committee to be done to render the storage arrangements suitable; and your Committee recommend—

> That a License be granted to Messrs. Pilgrim and Payne, for a period of One year from the 9th instant, to keep 600 gallons of Petroleum at their Park-street works, in Latimer-road, Hammersmith, in accordance with the terms of the special License submitted.

Your Committee submit a list of 65 applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum in small quantities; and they recommend—

> That in 59 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in one case a License be granted to keep Petroleum at the place named, in store situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90; and that in five cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FREDK. INGOLDBY,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
JOHN RUNTZ.

The Special Licenses, and the list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That Friday, the 14th December next, at One o'clock p.m., be fixed for the hearing by the Board of the application of Mrs. Mary Berry, for sanction to the establishment of a Factory for Explosives (Bon-bon crackers, &c.), at No. 66, Bandon-road, Victoria-park, and that the applicant be required to publish the necessary Notices of the hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the following persons and premises be registered under the Infant Life Protection Act, and that the Board do

hereby make Bye-laws fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept on such premises, as follows—

Mrs. Eliza Preedy, No. 3, Adela-street, Kensal-road, Chelsea, two Infants.
Mrs. Marion Cobb, No. 3, Jeremiah-street, West India Dock-road, two Infants.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That an additional License be granted to Messrs. Siemens, Brothers and Co., for a period of One year from this date, to keep 1,000 gallons of Petroleum at their premises in Harrington-road, Woolwich, in accordance with the terms of the special License now submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That a License be granted to Mr. W. V. Aldridge, for a period of One year from this date, to keep 200 gallons of Petroleum at No. 27, Islington-green, in accordance with the terms of the special License now submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That a License be granted to Mr. Alfred Thompson, trading as the French Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Company, for a period of One year from this date, to keep 120 gallons of Petroleum at No. 124A, Stockwell-road, Brixton, in accordance with the terms of the special License now submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That a License be granted to Messrs. Pilgrim and Payne, for a period of One year from this date, to keep 600 gallons of Petroleum at their Park-street works in Latimer-road, Hammersmith, in accordance with the terms of the special License now submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the Sixty-five persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolutions were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses ; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

14. Mr. Ingoldby, in the absence of Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 6th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under their direction, proceedings have been taken against the following persons, for causing glandered horses to be led along highways—

Major G. Napier, who was fined 5s. and 45s. costs.

Mr. J. Olney, who was fined 21s. and 21s. costs.

Your Committee have further to report that, during the fortnight ended the 3rd instant, passes have been issued for the removal of 6,792 animals from the Metropolitan Cattle Market out of the Metropolis for the purpose of slaughter, making a total of 53,338 animals so removed since the 1st July last.

Your Committee have further to report that, since the 23rd ultimo, outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth disease have occurred on five premises in the Metropolis. The aggregate number of Stock on the premises was 30, and of these 10 have become diseased.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FRED^{K} INGOLDBY,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
JOHN RUNTZ.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

15. Mr. Munro, in the absence of Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 7th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that it is desirable to plant a row of plane trees along the margin of the Cricket-ground in Finsbury-park, next Endymion-road. The work, if carried out, will not only be a great improvement to the appearance of the Park, but will prevent cricket balls being struck out of the ground into the adjoining road. Your Committee beg to recommend—

That 150 plane trees be obtained at an estimated cost of £15.

Your Committee have further to report, with reference to Finsbury-park, that it is desirable that trees and shrubs should be planted to shut off the children's gymnasium, recently formed in the Park. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That 300 small trees and shrubs, such as aucubas, box, euonymus, privet, holly, ribes, weigelia, guelder rose, syringas, lilacs, pyrus, acer macrophylla, acer platinoides, acer dacycarpa, and snowy mespilus, be obtained, together with 300 common privets, for a hedge, at an estimated cost of £15.

Your Committee have to report that it is desirable to carry out planting works this season on Brook-green, the surface of which, as the Board are aware, is now being raised, and which will be ready for planting in the course of a few weeks. Your Committee recommend—

That 60 plane trees and 60 Huntingdon elm trees be obtained and be planted on the Green, at an estimated cost of £14.

The same remarks apply to Goose-green, and at this place your Committee consider that 35 plane, 40 lime, and 12 elm trees should be placed. It is also desirable to plant some plane, lime, elm, and maple trees on Peckham-rye-common. The total estimated cost of the trees is £20 18s., and your Committee recommend the Board to sanction that expenditure.

Your Committee have, in pursuance of the reference to them by the Board of the 6th July last (No. 49), had under consideration the Memorial from Mr. W. Luff, and 296 other persons, who are in the habit of frequenting Southwark-park, praying the Board to provide a Band-stand in the Park. As the Board are no doubt aware, two Bands play weekly during the summer season in Southwark-park, and one plays in Finsbury-park, and there is no protection whatever from the weather for the performers, your Committee are of opinion that the Board should provide the necessary accommodation in both the Parks for these Bands, which add much to the enjoyment of the public frequenting the Parks. Your Committee beg to submit a design of what they consider to be a suitable Band-stand, and they recommend—

That the Board do approve of the same, and do authorise an expenditure of £130 in each case for the erection of the stands in Finsbury and Southwark Parks.

In pursuance of the reference to them by the Board on the 10th August last (No. 66) your Committee have considered the application of Mr. G. Sparks, on behalf of the Trustees of Sir John Cass's Charity, for the consent of the Board to the formation of a road in continuation of Meynall-road, South Hackney, along the boundary of Well-street-common. Your Committee find that it is proposed at one point to absorb a portion of Well-street-common in the new road, and they are advised that the Board have no power to sanction such a disposal of any part of the Common. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That Mr. Sparks be informed to that effect.

Your Committee have had before them the Letters from the Greenwich and Lewisham District Boards, and the Memorial from Mr. W. G. Lemon, as representing the cricketers on Blackheath, suggesting that the Board should give permission to cricket clubs to prepare ground for their use on Blackheath, Your Committee have given careful consideration to the subject of these communications, and it appears to them, that whilst the Board should not grant any special privileges to any particular clubs, in an Open Space which is free for the recreation of the public at large, they should offer no opposition to such clubs as may choose to do so preparing ground for their use. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That, pending the receipt of any complaint from the public in the matter, the Board do take no further action; and that the decision be communicated to the Greenwich and Lewisham District Boards, and to Mr. Lemon.

Your Committee, in pursuance of the reference back to them by the Board on the 20th July last (No. 12), have considered the question as to the land next All Saints' Church, Blackheath, which has hitherto been treated as part of the Heath, but which the representatives of the Vicar now claim was conveyed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners when the site for the Church was granted by the Lord of the Manor. Your Committee have, in connection with the subject, received a Letter from Messrs. White, Borrett, and Co., in which they state that, beyond an enlargement of the Church, there is no intention of erecting any building on the land in question. Your Committee beg to submit the Letter for the information of the Board, and to recommend—

That it be entered on the Minutes, and that the Board do offer no opposition to the proposed enclosure of the land by the representatives of the Vicar.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 2nd instant (No. 4), your Committee have considered the Letter from the Greenwich District Board, suggesting that the Bye-law giving this Board power to regulate and prohibit, if necessary, public meetings on Blackheath, should be rescinded. The Board, on the 3rd August last (No. 10), referred it to your Committee to consider and report as to the desirability of setting apart a portion of Open Spaces for the purpose of public meetings; and your Committee propose to visit each of the places under the control of the Board, with a view of determining which are suitable for public meetings, and where they can best be held. Your Committee recommend—

That a communication be sent to the Greenwich District Board, stating the action which this Board are taking in the matter of public meetings on Open Spaces.

Your Committee have to report that 30 of the seats on Blackheath require repair, and that the cost of the work is estimated at £15. Your Committee recommend—

That the expenditure of that sum be sanctioned.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of mats for Finsbury-park; turf, nails and shreds for use in the Victoria Embankment Gardens; and tools for Hampstead-heath; also the purchase of trees for planting on Tooting-common, Plumstead-common, Blackheath, Clapham-common, and the waste land at Dalston-lane and Grove-street; and they have directed that a sentry-box shall be provided for the shelter of the Assistant Common-keeper at Peckham-rye. Your Committee have also directed that gullies be constructed at the entrance to Wormwood-scrubs, and that certain repairs be executed to the gates of the Chelsea Embankment Gardens.

Your Committee have further to report that they have authorised your Solicitor to inform the Land Commissioners, who are about to hold an inquiry as to the Scheme for the management of Streatham-common, that the Board would desire, as at their other Open Spaces, to have power to prohibit and control the playing of football and other games, and to regulate riding on the track at the margin of the Common, which they propose should be formed 20 feet wide. To this course, your Committee ask the approval of the Board.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) DONALD MUNRO,
HENRY HARBEN,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
G. P. MEADEN,
WM. SHEPHERD,
GEO. EDWARDS.

The Plan of the Band-stands proposed to be erected in Finsbury and Southwark Parks, and the Letter from Messrs. White, Borrett and Co., submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That 150 plane trees be obtained for planting along the margin of the cricket-ground in Finsbury-park, next Endymion-road, at an estimated cost of £15.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That 300 small trees and shrubs, and 300 privets, be planted in Finsbury-park, to screen the children's gymnasium, at an estimated cost of £15.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That 60 plane trees and 60 Huntingdon elm trees be obtained for planting on Brook-green, at an estimated cost of £14.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, and seconded—That 35 plane, 40 lime, and 12 elm trees be obtained for planting on Goose-green, and that 20 plane, 15 lime, 12 elm, and 6 maple trees be obtained for planting on Peckham-rye-common, at a total estimated cost of £20 18s.

The motion having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a Band-stand be erected in Finsbury-park and another in Southwark-park, in accordance with the Plan now submitted, at an estimated cost of £130 each.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Sparks be informed, in reply to his application on behalf of the Trustees of Sir John Cass's Charity, for permission to continue Meynall-road, South Hackney, along the margin of Well-street-common, and over a portion thereof, that the Board have no power to sanction such a disposal of any portion of the Common.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the communications from the Greenwich and Lewisham District Boards and Mr. W. G. Lemon, on the subject of the preparation of ground on Blackheath by Cricket clubs, be approved; that no further steps be taken in the matter so long as no complaints are made by the public, and that an intimation of this Resolution be sent to the District Boards and Mr. Lemon.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, and seconded—That the Board do offer no opposition to the enclosure, by the representatives of the Vicar of All Saints' Church, Blackheath, of a portion of land hitherto treated as part of the Heath, next that Church; and that the Letter received from Messrs. White, Borrett and Co. on the subject, and submitted with the Report, be entered on the Minutes.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Harris, and seconded by Mr. Adams—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Greenwich District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter, relative to the holding of Public Meetings

on Blackheath, that the question as to what Open Spaces are suitable for the holding of Public Meetings, and the desirability of the Board fixing places on such as are suitable for that purpose, is now under consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That 30 of the seats on Blackheath be repaired, at an estimated cost of £15.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Committee with respect to the Scheme for the management of Streatham-common be approved.

16. It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Notices of Motion be now considered.

17. It was moved by Mr. Selway, pursuant to notice, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do proceed to the election of a Chairman at their Meeting on Friday the 10th instant, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

18. Mr. Fowler, by leave of the Board, withdrew the motion of which he had given notice with respect to the service of Notices to treat in connection with the Improvements sanctioned by Parliament, to be effected in the South Lambeth and Walworth Roads.

19. It was moved by Mr. Turner, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. Edwards—That, considering the serious fire which has just occurred at Haggerston, and which was mainly the consequence of an enormous stack of Timber being upon the spot, and considering the constant danger attending such accumulations of inflammable material, it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to consider and report upon the desirability of the Board applying to Parliament, in the ensuing Session, for an amendment of the law relating to the stacking of Timber, &c., in the Metropolis.

After discussion, the motion was, by leave of the Board, modified as follows—That, considering the serious fire which has just occurred at Haggerston, and which was mainly the consequence of an enormous stack of Timber being upon the spot, and considering the constant danger attending such accumulations of inflammable material, it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to consider and report upon the desirability of the Board applying to Parliament, in the ensuing Session, for an amendment of the law relating to the stacking of Timber and firewood in the Metropolis.

The motion having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 9th November, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestry and District Board—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
ISLINGTON.				
Victoria-road, Holloway-road ...	460	12-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
Tufnell-park Cricket-ground, near, Campdale-road	360	18 „	„	
GREENWICH.				
Trundley's-lane, Deptford ...	800	12-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
Eckington-gardens, Cold-blow-lane	290	12 „	„	

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestry and District Board be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 9th November, 1883, on applications from the following Vestry and District Board, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
		SAINT MARYLEBONE.			
1883. 2nd Nov.	Wells-street, between Margaret and Castle Streets.	Paving.	10 days.	10 days.	Berners, &c., Streets.
		HACKNEY.			
6th „	Lordship-park, from Lordship-road to the East side of Queen Elizabeth's-walk, and from the West side of the latter thoroughfare to Green-lanes.	Repairing roadway.	3 weeks.	3 weeks.	Queen Elizabeth's-walk, Green-lanes, &c.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said Vestry and District Board, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 8th November, 1883, on a Letter from the United Telephone Company, applying for permission to pass a pipe from the side gallery of the Queen Victoria-street Subway into the basement of No. 11, Queen Victoria-street, as shown by the tracing accompanying the application; stating that a connecting cable was at present carried into the premises through one channel, with the gas and water pipes, and that the object of the application was merely that the cable might be carried by means of a separate pipe, as shown upon the tracing; and recommending that it be granted, the work to be done, and any damage that might be caused to the Subway in its execution to be made good, to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board and at the sole cost of the Company.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted on the conditions recommended therein.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 8th November, 1883, on a Letter from the London and Globe Telephone Company, applying for permission to carry a cable through a part of the Subways under the Victoria Embankment and Queen Victoria-street, as shown by the sketch accompanying the application; stating that the Company had already, with the sanction of the Board, laid a cable in the Embankment and Queen Victoria-street Subways, and that they now proposed to bring another cable across Blackfriars Bridge, thence along the lower paved part of the Embankment wall to and along the Easternmost of the two Subways (called the "Upper Subway" in the sketch) constructed by the Board for the City Gas works, and thence to and along the Embankment Subway (called the "Lower Subway" on the sketch) to Queen Victoria-street; and recommending that the application be granted, so far as this Board's Subways and pavements are concerned, upon conditions similar to those upon which the Board granted the former application of the Company, viz., that the works be done, and that any damage that may be caused to the Subways in their execution be made good, to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board, and at the sole

cost of the Company, that no charge be made to the Company for the accommodation, and that they be allowed, under the control of the Board, to have access to the Subways for the arrangement or alteration of their wires, and do, if the Board deem fit, pay a proportion of the wages of the Inspector of Subways; and further stating that it would be necessary for the Company to obtain the consent of the City authorities to any interference with the paving, &c., within their jurisdiction, and also to the carrying of the cable through the "Upper Subway," over which the Board granted certain rights to the Corporation when they sold to them Grand Junction Wharf.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that the application of the Company, so far as it relates to the Subways and pavements belonging to the Board, be granted, on the several conditions recommended by the Engineer.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 8th November, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, forwarding a copy of a Letter from Mr. G. F. Oakeshott, as to accidents to children near the hoarding enclosing the Ranelagh, &c., Sewers Relief works in Sloane-street; stating that Mr. Oakeshott alleged that the height of the hoarding prevented any person crossing the road near it from either seeing or being seen, and that consequently accidents had occurred to children from passing vehicles; further stating that the hoarding was necessarily high to properly screen the engine and works, and that it could not be altered with advantage, and that the Contractors had, however, arranged with the Police authorities for a constable to be stationed at each end of the works in Sloane-street, so as to properly regulate the traffic, and recommending that the Vestry be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Vestry be informed accordingly.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 8th November, 1883, on a Letter from the Hornsey Local Board, applying for permission to make openings in Stapleton-hall-road and Upper Tollington-park-road, Finsbury-park; stating that it was proposed to make one opening in Stapleton-hall-road, and two openings in Upper Tollington-park-road, for the purpose of constructing man-holes and ventilators to the sewers, and that the ventilating covers were to be paved round with 4 in. by 4 in. setts, and the roads to be made good to his (the Engineer's) satisfaction, and recommending that the requisite permission be granted upon those conditions.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted on the conditions stated in the Report.

26. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 8th November, 1883, stating that Messrs. John Mowlem and Company's Contract with the Board for the execution of the General Works in District "A" would expire on the 8th of December next; submitting for approval a draft Specification and Schedule, and recommending that Advertisements be forthwith issued inviting Tenders for the execution of the works, for periods of one, two or three years, the Tenders to be opened at the Meeting of the Board on the 30th instant.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

27. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 9th November, 1883, stating that the following quantities of Coal were required for use at the Western Pumping Station—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
75 Tons of Welsh Coal	60 6 3
75 ,, Tanfield-moor Coal	52 10 0
Total	£112 16 3

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and that the Coal be obtained accordingly; the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

28. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 9th November, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contract, viz—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
Sinking borings for the purpose of ascertaining the nature of the strata through which will be carried the new Sewer ordered by the Board to be constructed for the drainage of South Eltham	115 0 0
Building a new wash-house to the Superintendent's house at the Deptford Pumping Station	25 0 0
Total	£140 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

29. Read a Report, as follows—

Engineer's Department,
Spring-gardens,
9th November, 1883.

Sewage experiments at Barking.

Having received Letters from Surveyors of provincial towns informing me that circular Letters had been addressed to them, inviting them to visit the experimental works on Sewage deodorisation now being conducted at Barking, and stating that they would be open for inspection up to the 15th instant, I wrote to the Sewage Purifying Association on the 6th instant.

I drew their attention to Clause 7 of the License under which the Board sanctioned their experiments, and which provides that the Promoters shall from time to time make application to the Board to allow persons to visit the works, and shall give reasonable notice to the Officer in charge of the works of such intended visits; and I informed them that, as no such application or notice had been given, unauthorised strangers could not be admitted upon the works. I also requested to be furnished with a copy of the circular note, and a list of the persons to whom it had been sent, inasmuch as some of them had addressed me under the impression that this Board were concerned in the experiments.

I received a reply to my Letter of the same date, informing me that the accompanying circular Letter had been sent to every town in the United Kingdom, and I have since heard that a Deputation from the Newcastle Board and the Acton Board have already visited the works, and that the Bradford Local Works Committee are in town to visit them to-day.

The circular Letter is addressed from the Northern Outfall of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and speaks of the process as being carried out under a concession granted by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and it strongly recommends the process to Local Boards.

An article addressed to the *Freemasons' Chronicle* on the 27th October last describes the Thames and the Water supply of London as polluted by the Board's Outfalls, and urges that the patented process of this Company "will reduce the danger arising from thus disposing of "London sewage to a minimum."

Professor Donkin has, I understand, been engaged by the Company to inspect and report upon the process on their behalf.

As I understand the Board, in granting permission to try this process at their Outfall works, did not intend their name to be used for advertising it, more especially before the Board had any opportunity of forming any opinion as to its value, I have, therefore, declined to allow strangers upon the works, except under the terms of Clause 7 of the Agreement, and I ask the Board's instruction hereon.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that the Engineer be authorised to adopt the course indicated in his Report.

30. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 8th November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. S. R. Hoare, No. 22, Popham-street, Islington, applying for compensation for alleged loss of business sustained from the execution of the Board's works in connection with the Essex-road, Islington (Artizans' Dwellings Act), Scheme; stating that the claim was made upon the alleged grounds that the hoarding enclosing the works had prevented children getting across to the claimant's shop; that the removal of the buildings had also deprived him of much custom, and that, by the blocking up of one of the entrances to the School Board's School in Angler's-gardens, the children entered and left by another thoroughfare, which led away from his shop; further stating that access had been maintained along the foot-ways to the claimant's premises, and that the Board invariably declined to admit their liability for that description of claim, and recommending that the present one should be similarly dealt with.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

31. The Solicitor reported that the Gazette Notices as to Parliamentary Bills would have to be inserted in the newspapers about the beginning of next week, and that Plans and Books of Reference must be deposited by the 30th instant.

32. The Solicitor reported that Notice of a Bill had been given, on behalf of the School Board for London, for power to acquire, amongst other property, a strip of Common land on the North side of Farm-lane, leading to Pendrell-street, abutting North on Plumstead-common-road, and East on Plumstead-common.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

33. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Contract with Mr. N. Newstead, for repairing and painting the refreshment-room in Southwark-park.

Contract with Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, for the erection of a water-closet and urinals in Southwark-park.

Conveyance by the Board of Works for the Holborn District of a piece of ground in King's-head-court, Gray's-inn-road, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Gray's-inn-road Improvement).

Lease to Mr. J. Branch of Plots Nos. 67, 68, and 69, in Bethnal-green-road (Bethnal-green Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

34. The Solicitor reported that J. Anear, a Messenger in his Department, was still unable to attend to his duties in consequence of illness, and submited a Medical Certificate to that effect, and suggested that the Board should allow Anear a further fortnight's leave of absence.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a fortnight's further leave of absence be granted to Anear.

35. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements for the undermentioned Loans had

been completed, and that the Cheques had been duly handed over in exchange for the proper securities—

	Amount of Loan.
The Vestry of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark	£1,700 0 0
The Vestry of Rotherhithe	1,800 0 0

36. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 26th ultimo (No. 10), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Essex-street, &c.	Bethnal-green.
Norfolk-street	Do.
Duke-street	Do.
New-street	Do.
Princes-street	Do.
Alfred-street, &c., Bow	Poplar.
Nos. 187, 187A and 187B, East India-dock-road, Poplar ...	Do.
Avenell-road, &c....	Islington.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Chief Magistrate of Berlin, dated 3rd October, 1883, transmitting copy of a Report by the authorities of the City of Berlin for the years 1877 to 1881.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Report be received with thanks.

38. The Clerk presented a Memorial from Mr. Cassey, and other residents in the neighbourhood of Forest-hill-road, Peckham-rye, relative to the state of the road-way next the Rye, in front of the "Herne" Tavern, and asking the Board to take steps with respect thereto.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Secretaries of the Royal Institute of British Architects, dated 2nd November, 1883, stating that the Council had granted to Mr. George Edwards and Mr. Robert C. Murray, Certificates of competency to perform the duties of District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

40. The Clerk presented a Notice from the Lambeth Waterworks Company, dated 30th October, 1883, of their intention to give, on and after the 2nd April, 1884, a constant supply of Water throughout the district or area therein described, in the Parish of Lambeth.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. C. Wake, formerly in the employ of the Fulham (Putney) Bridge Company, dated November, 1883, asking for a commutation of his retiring allowance.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

42. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. W. Carpenter and Sons, dated 5th November, 1883, transmitting a Notice of an Indenture, dated 24th October, 1882, declaring that Messrs. Pinto, Fane, Tedeschi and Sutton were interested in a sum of £1,000, deposited with the Board under an Agreement between the Board and Messrs. Andrews and Parker, as to Sewage experiments at Barking.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Notice be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

43. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. E. Salway, Clerk to the Vestry of Chelsea, dated 7th November, 1883, urging the necessity for re-opening Battersea Bridge for vehicular traffic, pending the completion of the arrangements for the commencement of the works of the new Bridge, and asking that a Deputation might be allowed to attend before a Committee of the Board upon the subject, and also upon the question of dealing with the Western approach to the Bridge in a more comprehensive manner in the proposed amending Bill.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Committee be authorised to receive a Deputation from the Vestry, if necessary.

44. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. E. Jones, Clerk to the Fulham District Board, dated 5th November, 1883, stating that the Bishop of London had offered to the District Board, as an Open Space for the recreation of the public, the meadow adjacent to the Bishop's Palace at Fulham, comprising about five acres, as shown on the Map accompanying the Letter; and asking this Board to accept the land, and lay out and maintain the same as an Open Space.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

45. The Clerk presented Petitions from the South-Eastern Railway Company, the Lion Brewery Company (Limited), Mr. J. H. Faulkner, and Mr. John S. Fenton, and others, proprietors and inhabitants of houses in George-street, George-alley, Villiers-street, Duke-street, and York-place, Buckingham-street, Strand, and owners of the York Water-gate at the end of that street, requesting the Board to take the Gate under their care and management, and to keep the same as a public monument for ever, and stating their willingness to assign all their rights in the structure, provided the Board do, within Twelve months, signify their willingness to receive the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Petitions be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Committee be authorised to confer with the several parties if necessary.

46. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

The Board of Works for the Wandsworth District.

Battersea-rise, S.W.,
6th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by this Board to inform you that they are desirous of paving with granite setts the margins of the carriage-way in Wandsworth-road, Clapham, between the boundary of the Parish, at Lambeth and Battersea respectively, and under the Railway Bridge in High-street, from Station-road to the North side of York-terrace, Clapham, and to request the Metropolitan Board of Works to be good enough to advance a Loan of £7,000, repayable in 20 years for the purpose of carrying out the same.

I enclose a copy of the Surveyor's Estimate of the cost of the work, together with a Plan of the locality.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) ARTHUR ALEXR. CORSELLIS,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

PROPOSED PAVING WORKS, WANDSWORTH-ROAD AND HIGH-STREET, CLAPHAM.

ESTIMATE.		Feet super.	Yards super.	Rate.	
				s. d.	£ s d.
Wandsworth-road—					
Wood-paving at Victoria-road	2)50·0 8·0				
		800	89	11 0	48 19 0
North side, 7 in. by 4 in. granite pitching, laid on 6 inch Portland cement concrete—					
From Battersea boundary to Queen's-road...	140·0 10·0				
		1,400			
„ wood paving, to Tramway siding No. 2	940·0 8·0				
		7,520			
, Tramway siding No. 2, to „ „ 3	930·0 12·0				
		11,160			
„ „ „ 3 „ „ 4	1,060·0 9·0				
		9,540			
„ „ „ 4 „ „ 5	900·0 10·6				
		9,450			
„ „ No. 5, Lambeth boundary	420·0 11·0				
		4,620			
		43,690			
			4,854		
South side—					
From Battersea boundary to Tramway siding No. 1	280·0 10·0				
		2,800			
„ wood paving „ „ „ 2	940·0 8·0				
		7,520			
„ Tramway siding No. 2 „ „ 3	890·0 9·6				
		8,455			
„ „ „ 3 „ „ 4	1,030·0 8·6				
		8,755			
„ „ 4 „ „ 5	840·0 8·6				
		7,140			
„ „ 5 Lambeth boundary	370·0 8·0				
		2,960			
		37,630			
			4,181		
			9,035	14 6	6,550 7 6
New crossings, 7 inch by 4 inch, specially dressed and laid on 6 inches of Portland cement concrete—					
Cedars-road, Victoria-road, and The Chase, = 3 at 40 yards	...	yards. 120			
Avenue-road, Lambourne-road, and Rozel-road, = 3 at 30 yards...	...	90			
North-street	...	50			
			260	17 0	221 0 0
					6,820 6 6
High-street, by Railway Station—					
7 inch by 4 inch granite pitching, on 6 inch Portland cement concrete	2)120·0 13·0				
		feet. 3,120	347		
				14 6	251 11 6
					£7,071 18 0

(Signed) ARTHUR SOUTHAM,
Surveyor for Clapham.

November 5th, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter and Statement be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

47. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
7th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—The following City Improvements having now been completed, on behalf of the Commissioners, I have to ask that you will kindly procure a Cheque for the amount, or balance, of contribution voted by your Board in aid thereof respectively, viz.—

Milton-street	£100 0 0
Silk-street	100 0 0
Bream's-buildings	920 7 11
Gracechurch-street and Leadenhall-street	1,244 17 9
Nos. 4 and 10, Warwick-lane	700 0 0
Nos. 5, 6 7, Upper Thames-street	1,000 0 0
	£4,065 5 8

I am, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

48. The Clerk presented Letters, as follows—

The Board of Works for the Wandsworth District.

Battersea-rise, S.W.,
7th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your Letter of the 9th August, 1882, I beg to inform you that the Improvement at the corner of High-street and Red Lion-street, Wandsworth, has been completed; and I have therefore to apply for payment of the sum of £1,050, being the amount of the contribution promised by the Metropolitan Board of Works towards the cost of the Improvement.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) ARTHUR ALEXR. CORSELLIS,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

The Board of Works for the Wandsworth District.

Battersea-rise, S.W.,
7th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your Letter of the 30th May last, I beg to inform you that the Improvement at Love-lane, Wandsworth, has been completed, and I have therefore to apply for payment of the sum of £280, being the amount of the contribution promised by the Metropolitan Board of Works towards the cost of the Improvement.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) ARTHUR ALEXR. CORSELLIS,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letters be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

49. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. Turner, Clerk to the Whitechapel District Board, dated 7th November, 1883, stating that the District Board had passed the following Resolution—

"That this Board, having heard the explanation of their Representative at the Metropolitan "Board as to the new proposal for a Tunnel at Nightingale-lane, are still of opinion that the "wants of this District are not met by such proposed Tunnel, and that a Scheme of which a "Low Level Bridge, upon the site before suggested by the Metropolitan Board of Works for a

"High Level Bridge, will form a part, will alone meet the requirements of the inhabitants of "the East and South-East portions of London."

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

50. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. W. Ratcliff, Clerk to the Limehouse District Board, dated 7th November, 1883, asking to be furnished with a copy of the Engineer's Report of the 15th October last, and of the Plan accompanying the same, relative to a Tunnel from Nightingale-lane to Bermondsey, in order that the District Board might consider the same at their Meeting on the 21st instant.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Ratcliff be informed that the Report and Plan have not been printed for circulation, and that the Board are therefore unable to accede to his request.

51. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Dethridge, Inspector of Gas-meters at the Southwark-street Meter Testing-house, dated 6th November, 1883, asking the Board, owing to his debilitated state of health, to grant him three months' leave of absence.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and that the Committee do report as to the course which it appears desirable to adopt with respect to the case of Mr. Dethridge.

52. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Duckham, Secretary of the Thames Communications Committee, dated 8th November, 1883, with Photographs of the Chain Ferry Steamer in use at Gosport.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Photographs be laid before the Works and General Purposes Committee.

53. The Clerk presented a Letter from Sir B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, Hon. Secretary of the Smithfield Club, dated 8th November, 1883, stating that the Smithfield Club Cattle Show would be held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, and would commence on the 10th December next, and asking the Board to make arrangements similar to those in previous years with regard to the removal of Cattle.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act Executive Committee, for consideration, with authority to make the necessary arrangements.

54. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 6th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·4	16·9	17·1	7·7	6·0	6·7	0·2	0·0	0·0	None.
	Camden ..	17·0	16·3	16·7	10·8	8·8	9·7	0·3	0·2	0·3	,,
	Dalston ..	17·1	16·5	17·0	17·2	13·5	15·9	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Bow	17·3	16·2	16·9	13·3	9·5	11·6	1·0	0·7	0·9	,,
	Chelsea	16·8	16·5	16·6	13·9	8·3	11·6	0·0	0.0	0·0	,,
	Kingsland-road	17·2	16·6	17·0	16·3	12·7	14·7	0·3	0·1	0·2	,,
	Westminster (Cannel Gas) .	20·8	20·2	20·5	10·7	7·8	9·2	0·4	0·2	0.2	,,
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	Station closed for repairs.									
	Tooley-street ..	16·7	16·0	16·2	10·6	8·3	9·3	0·4	0·0	0·1	,,
	Clapham ..	16·6	16·0	16·4	13·4	10·5	11·4	0·0	0·0	0·0	,,
	Lewisham ..	16·9	16·2	16·4	14·8	7·9	10·2	1·0	0·6	0·9	,,
Commercial Gas Company.. . ..	Old Ford ..	17·6	17.0	17·4	9·3	7·0	8·1	0·3	0·2	0·3	,,
	St. George-in-the-East ..	16·7	16·3	16·5	12·4	6·7	9·5	0·3	0·2	0·2	,,

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the Commercial Gas Company in Wick-lane, on the 2nd instant at 7.45 p.m., was 2·1 inches.

55. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. McDowall, on behalf of Messrs. Truman, Hanbury, Buxton and Co., for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building upon a portion of the forecourt of the "Shakespeare" Beer-shop, No. 65, Waterloo-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

56. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Muggeridge and Powell, on behalf of Mr. H. Cade, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two houses on the site of No. 60, Albert-road, Peckham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

57. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. S. Eedle, on behalf of Mr. J. H. Billinghurst, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses, with one-storey bay-windows, on the site of Nos. 47 and 49, Kimpton-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

58. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. A. Freshwater, for the consent of the Board to the erection of seven houses, with bay-windows, on the South side of Westmacott-street, and a house, with a bay-window, on the West side of Brisbane-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

59. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Watson, Sons and Room, on behalf of Mr. C. S. Thurlow, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 21 and 21A, Dalling-road, Hammersmith, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

60. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. J. Clegg, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 170, New-cross-road, Deptford, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved – That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

61. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th November, 1883, on theapplication of Messrs. W. H. Lindsay and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Jones Brothers, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an iron and glass roof over a portion of the stable yard of their premises, on the South side of Lister-mews, Holloway-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

62. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. E. J. Chant, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses on the North side of George's-road, at the corner of Pack-horse-lane, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

63. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Noyes, on behalf of the Birkbeck Building Society, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on the North side of Scholefield-road, at the rear of No. 73, Elthorne-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

64. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 1st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Slater, on behalf of Mr. W. Morris, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 9, Whittington-terrace, London-road, Forest-hill, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shop from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

65. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Bell, on behalf of the Metropolitan Railway Company, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a covered way upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 19, Porchester-terrace, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board, and that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

66. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. J. Kinnimont and Sons, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 26, Chilworth-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the whole of the surplus ground in front of the house be given up to form part of the public way, and that, in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

67. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Trollope & Son, on behalf of Sir A. Borthwick, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of an addition to the Drawing-room at No. 139, Piccadilly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

68. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Salomons and Wornum, on behalf of Mr. W. Agnew, M.P., for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a Lavatory addition at the rear of No. 11, Great Stanhope-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor,

69. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Edwards, on behalf of Mr. E. Green, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of a bay-window at No. 5, Berkeley-square, to an increased height, and to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

70. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. H. Flack, on behalf of Mr. J. Mills, for the consent of the Board to the erection of bay-windows Nos. 6, 8, and 10, St. George's-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

71. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Wilkinson, on behalf of Mr. J. Adams-Acton, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a conservatory on a portion of the forecourt of No. 8, Langford-place, St. John's-wood, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Debenham, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

72. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. J. Pyke, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a vestibule, and the extension of a bay-window upon a portion of the forecourt of Devonshire-place House, Marylebone-road, to the lines shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

73. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. J. Garrett and Son, on behalf of Mr. T. A. Piper, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two one-storey shops upon the forecourts of No. 316A and 318, Wandsworth-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

74. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architeet, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. D. Butler, on behalf of Mr. H. Perrett, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a wooden porch in front of a house in St. Nicholas-road, Balham-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the applieation be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

75. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the applieation of Mr. W. H. Grist, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, a temporary iron Church, erected in Rectory-road, Stoke Newington.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application be granted for a period of Two years from this date.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Runtz, and seconded—That the application be referred to the Building Aet Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be eonsidered.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be earried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

76. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of the Rev. J. F. Porter, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, a temporary iron Church erected in Brookfield-road, Homerton.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the applieation be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

77. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Rosser and Russell, on behalf of Major R. Mansell, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the eonstruction of an iron building at the rear of No. 56, Brompton-crescent.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seeonded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

78. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Rosser and Russell, on behalf of Mr. C. Bursot, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron building at the rear of No. 14, Michael's-grove.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

79. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of the Rev. E. M. Walker, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, a temporary iron Church erected in Tracey-street, Kennington.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seeonded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a further period of Two years from this date, upon eondition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

80. Poplar.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architeet, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. R. and J. Davie, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed at their premises in Orchard-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

81. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Thomas and Co., for the permission of the Board to retain a wooden shed erected at the rear of No. 7, Boundaries-road, Balham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

82. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. M. Batten, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a continuation of Credon-road, Rotherhithe-new-road, also the formation of a new road, in connection therewith, and of the names "Credon-road, S.E." (in continuation), and "Varcoe-road, S.E.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads.

83. Hampstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Bate, on behalf of Mr. H. H. P. Cotton, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a Mews to lead out of West-end-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

84. Hampstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 24th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Pooley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the South-West side of Finchley-road, and of the name "Parsefal-road, N.W.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

85. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 8th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Mr. H. Shaw, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of an open shed in the yard adjoining Nos. 14 and 16, Staple-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

86. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Jones Brothers, for approval by the Board of the erection of two houses in Mozart-terrace, Eltringham-street, with irregular open spaces at the rear thereof, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

87. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. B. Fletcher, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of a Fee for a special service performed by him in certifying as to the removal of a chimney-breast in the party-wall of No. 41, White-hart-street, Kennington-park-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 10s. in respect of the special service referred to.

88. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Graves, for approval by the Board of the erection

of a house at the corner of Ashmount-road, Hornsey-lane, with the sash frames not in reveal, as required by the 14th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

89. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, Licenses in respect of the undermentioned temporary buildings, viz.—a Skating-rink, in Grove-lane, Denmark-hill; an Iron building, in St. Andrew's-street, Clapham; an Iron building, in Morville-street, Bow; and an Iron Chapel, in Woodfield-terrace, Harrow-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

90. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building on land at the corner of Stanley-street, Queen's-road, Battersea.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a period of One year from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 16th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 14.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **16th** day of **November**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—William Robbins Selway, Esq., in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.	William Henry Dalton, Esq.	Thomas Turner, Esq.
Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	Donald Munro, Esq.	William Halford Fell, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.	James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	John Robert Jolly, Esq.	William Robson, Esq.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.	John Runtz, Esq.	Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.
Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.	George Edwards, Esq.
WilliamBurnhamGarrett, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.
William Debenham, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.	Robert Jones, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.	John Abbott, Esq.	Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
JohnEdwinBradfield,Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.	Robert Cox, Esq.
Robert Furniss, Esq.		John Jones, Esq.

1. It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Freeman, and resolved—That

William Robbins Selway, Esq.,

be requested to take the Chair; and he took the Chair accordingly.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 9th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman (Mr. Selway), and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

3. The Board considered their Resclution of the 9th instant (No. 17), as follows—

> "That the Board do proceed to the election of a Chairman at their Meeting on Friday "next, the 16th instant, at Twelve o'clock at Noon."

It was moved by Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Freeman, and resolved, *unanimously* —That Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Macnaghten McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., be elected Chairman of this Board from this 16th day of November instant, up to and including the 13th day of November, 1884, and that the salary of the Chairman be at the rate of £2,000 per annum for that period.

At the request of the Board the Chairman then entered the Board-room, and was informed by Mr. Selway of the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Selway then vacated the Chair, and it was taken by—

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SIR JAMES M. McGAREL-HOGG, BART., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board.

4. A Deputation from ratepayers of the Parish of All Saints, Poplar, introduced by Mr. Selway, in the absence of Mr. Cook, and consisting of Mr. H. Webb, Mr. W. C. Parsons, Mr. J. T. Hayes, Mr. L. Gurney, Mr. J. Penner, Mr. J. Cartledge, Mr. C. Webber, Mr. W. Jenes, Mr. E. R. Webber, and Mr. J. Ford, attended the Board, and presented a Memorial, as follows—

To the Honourable the Chairman and the Members of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

This Memorial of ratepayers of the Parish of All Saints, Poplar, is presented by a Deputation to respectfully urge :—

Firstly.—That the proposed Steam-ferry at Poplar be pushed forward with all convenient speed, as the want of it has been for many years severely felt by, and would be, when established, a great boon to, several hundred thousands of people, and especially the working classes. Your Memorialists, in the meantime, beg to offer their best thanks to your Board for the proposal.

Secondly.—That the proposed Improvement in the communication between the East India Dock-road and Preston's-road would greatly facilitate the traffic to and from the said Ferry (whether established at Potter's Ferry or at Blackwall), and would tend to make the third suggestion in this Memorial much easier of solution.

Thirdly.—That as to the Well-street site, the property having been pulled down, and a very large number of working men and their families dislodged (causing a large waste of land, loss of rates to the Parish, and a great loss of trade to the neighbourhood), the said land should be immediately built upon either by private enterprise, to be obtained by Advertisement from your Board, or otherwise, as several years have elapsed since the demolition of the dwellings was first commenced.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) HENRY WEBB,
1, Poplar-terrace, Poplar,
And 21 others.

The Deputation having addressed the Board in support of the Memorial,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Freeman, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

5. Mr. Jolly handed in a Letter, as follows—

Woolwich Local Board of Health.

Office—Town Hall, William-street, Woolwich,
15th November, 1883.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE RIVER THAMES, EAST OF LONDON BRIDGE.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Woolwich Local Board of Health to forward the following copy of a Resolution passed unanimously at their last Meeting, and to request that you will have the goodness to lay the same before the Metropolitan Board of Works, viz.—

RESOLVED, *unanimously*—

"That this Board regard with very great satisfaction the decision of the Metropolitan "Board of Works to apply to Parliament next Session for authority to establish "free Steam-ferries at Woolwich and Greenwich. These important proposals "will, in the opinion of this Board, supply the means of communication so "urgently needed between the Eastern and South-Eastern Districts of the "Metropolis.

"That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the Metropolitan Board of Works, "with an intimation that, if requisite, important local evidence can be given in "support of a free Ferry at Woolwich, when that proposal is before Parliament."

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ANDREW C. REED,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk of the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Jolly, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

6. Mr. Runtz handed in a Letter, as follows—

Town Hall, Hackney, E.,
November 13th, 1883.

THAMES COMMUNICATIONS.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Vestry of the Parish of St. John, at Hackney, to forward you the annexed copy Resolutions passed at a Meeting held on Tuesday the 13th instant.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD ELLIS,
Vestry Clerk.

"That, as it appears certain the means of communication across the Thames by the "proposed Tunnel from Shadwell to Rotherhithe would largely relieve the "congestion of traffic in the Metropolis, especially in the vicinity of London "Bridge, by diverting from it the greater portion of the more heavily laden "vehicles, this Vestry is of opinion that the construction of such Tunnel should "have priority over the Low Level Bridge at the Tower, the Tunnel at Blackwall, "and the Tunnel now proposed from Nightingale-lane to Dockhead."

"That a Committee, consisting of seven Members, be appointed to confer with other "Vestries and District Boards, with the Thames Communication Committee and "the Corporation of the City of London, in order to represent and support the "Resolution of this Vestry in favour of a Tunnel from Shadwell to Rotherhithe, "and to take all necessary steps to secure this important communication; and to "report thereon to this Vestry."

"That copies of the above Resolutions, with the names and addresses of the "Committee appointed, be forwarded to all the Metropolitan Vestries and District "Boards, to the Corporation of the City of London and the Metropolitan Board "of Works, and that all parties interested in the Thames Communications be "invited to co-operate."

List of gentlemen appointed to form the Committee—

Mr. W. M. Dabbs, 11, Amhurst-park, Stamford-hill.
„ G. B. Holmes, 17, Fremont-street, South Hackney.
„ F. M. Hudson, Mansfield-house, Marsh-street, Walthamstow.
„ J. V. Jones, 83, Victoria-park-road, South Hackney.
„ J. Lowles, 157, Richmond-road, Hackney.
„ A. Mc.Alister, 242, Richmond-road, Hackney.
„ J. W. Whiter, 48, Kenninghall-road, Clapton.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

7. Mr. Turner handed in a Letter, as follows—

Saint Leonard, Shoreditch.
Vestry Offices,
Town Hall, Old-street, E.C.
15th November, 1883.

SIR,—On the other side I forward you copy of Resolution passed by this Vestry at its last Meeting, in reference to a communication received from the Board of Works for the Lewisham

District, forwarding copy of a Memorial about to be presented by that Board to the Metropolitan Board of Works, praying that authority may be obtained for giving to the Board the right to send a Member to the Metropolitan Board apart from the Plumstead District.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) E. WALKER,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board, Spring-gardens.

"That the Lewisham Board of Works be informed that this Vestry has no objection "to the prayer of the Memorial of the said Board to the Metropolitan Board "being complied with; but the Vestry has not sufficient information to enable "it to express a more definite opinion."

It was moved by Mr. Turner, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

8. Mr. Munro, in the absence of Mr. Cook, handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Poplar District.

117, High-street, Poplar, E.,
14th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—A special Meeting of this Board was held on Monday evening last, to consider the proposition of the Metropolitan Board of Works to apply to Parliament at the next Session to establish a Ferry (by way of Thames Communication) between Ferry-street, Isle of Dogs, and Horseferry-road, Greenwich, when the following Resolution was agreed to, viz.—

"That no Ferry will be satisfactory to this Board, or suitable for the needs of the "District, which compels the traffic to pass over the Dock Bridges, which are "frequently being blocked by reason of the shipping entering and leaving the "Docks."

I was directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to you, and to ask that you would be good enough to submit the same to the Metropolitan Board of Works at its next Meeting.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) Wm. HENRY FARNFIELD.

The Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

9. Mr. Munro handed in a further Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Poplar District.

117, High-street, Poplar, E.,
14th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—At a Meeting of this Board held last evening a Memorial, signed by 35 Tradesmen carrying on business in the neighbourhood of the Wells-street Scheme, was presented, calling attention to the deplorable condition of the shopkeepers and others in the locality in consequence of the demolition of the houses comprised in the Scheme, and the consequent displacement of the inhabitants, this causing great injury to trade, and urging this Board to take steps with a view to some improvement.

I was directed to communicate the facts, contained in the Memorial, to you, for the information of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and to ask that the Board will proceed as rapidly as possible in carrying out the details of the Scheme, and rendering the site available for building purposes.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) Wm. HENRY FARNFIELD.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

10. Mr. Robson handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of the Parish of St. James, and St. John, Clerkenwell.

Vestry Hall, Clerkenwell, 58, Rosoman-street, E.C.,
November 15th, 1883.

COLNEY-HATCH-LANE—MUSWELL-HILL DRAINAGE.

DEAR SIR—I am directed to again call your attention to this subject, and to my Letters of the 26th July and 25th October last year, and to enquire whether anything is being done by your Board in the matter.

I enclose copy Letters from the Hornsey Local Board upon the subject, dated the 13th of August last, and the 10th and 13th ultimo.

I have replied that the matter is under the consideration of your Board, and that we are anxiously awaiting the result. I may add that Mr. C. E. Mudie, of The Limes, has written to the Local Government Board upon the subject, who have forwarded a copy to this Vestry for observations thereon.

An early reply will oblige.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT PAGET,
Vestry Clerk

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works.

The copy Letters referred to were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Robson, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

11. Mr. Meaden handed in a Letter, as follows—

The Board of Works for the Wandsworth District.

Battersea-rise, Wandsworth,
15th November, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—Annexed I send you extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held yesterday on the subject of the construction of the proposed new Bridge over the Thames at Battersea.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) ARTHUR ALEXR. CORSELLIS.
Clerk to the Board.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq..
Spring-gardens, S.W.

The Board of Works for the Wandsworth District.

Board Meeting, 14th November, 1883.

"That the thanks of this Board be conveyed to the Metropolitan Board of Works "for its favourable consideration of, and its compliance with, the prayer of the "Memorial from this Board, asking for a straight approach to the proposed new "Battersea Bridge."

Extracted from the Minutes.

(Signed) ARTHUR ALEXR. CORSELLIS,
Clerk to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Meaden, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be received.

12. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 12th November, 1883.

Under the authority conferred upon them, your Committee have drawn the following Cheques :—

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Streets (Act of 1872).		
Re Randall (Newington-butts)—(2452)—			
Routh, Stacey and Castle—			
4818	Costs of permanent investment in land ...		119 - -
	Streets (Act of 1877).		
Re Serjeant (Piccadilly)—(2453)—			
Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 29, Grafton-street, Soho, including Trade Compensation—			
6551	Serjeant, C. F., Serjeant, H. D., and Serjeant, F. ... ...£1,200 - -		
6552	Serjeant, Mrs. E. ... ... 1,200 - -		
6553	Serjeant, C. F. ... ... 1,200 - -		
6554	Serjeant, H. D. ... ... 1,200 - -		
6555	Serjeant, A. F.... ... ... 1,200 - -		
		6,000 - -	
	Farebrother, Ellis, Clark and Co.—		
6556	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	65 3 -	
	Bolton, Robbins, Busk and Co.—		
6557	Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	12 12 -	
	Phillips, J. and J.—		
6558	Stamp-duty on Conveyance	30 - -	
Re Pirovano (Piccadilly)—(2454)—			
Seale and Smith—			
6559	Costs of Title and Conveyance	45 - -	
Re Ellison (Kentish-town-road)—(2455)—			
Lloyd, E.—			
6560	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	27 2 -	
Re Killwick (Jamaica-road)—(2456)—			
Cooke, W. C.—			
6561	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	33 - -	
Re Browne (Piccadilly)—(2457)—			
Willoughby and Winch—			
6562	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	16 - -	
Re Sammell (Peckham)—(2458)—			
Phillips, H. M.—			
6563	Surveyor's Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	3 3 -	
Re Havill's Trustees (Peckham)—(2459)—			
Wyatt and Barraud—			
6564	Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	3 3 -	
Re Beeton (Piccadilly)—(2460)—			
Beeton, S. O.—			
6565	Purchase-money for Freehold interest in No. 42, Rupert-street, including Trade compensation...	1,000 - -	
	Orton, C. J.—		
6566	Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	10 10 -	
Re Pole and Humphreys (Piccadilly)—(2461)—			
Burr, P. J.—			
6567	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	16 16 4	
	Carried forward £7,262 9 4		119 - -

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	7,262 9 4	119 – –
Re Idle (Piccadilly)—(2462)—		
Tatham and Sons—		
6568 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	12 6 –	
Re Stanley (Piccadilly)—(2463)—		
Stanley, S. F.—		
6569 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 47, Wardour-street, Soho ... ...£1,100 – –		
6570 Trade compensation ... ... 200 – –		
	1,300 – –	
Ritchie, R.—		
6571 Surveyor's Fee, as per order of Committee ...	21 – –	
		8,595 15 4
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Billing and Newman—(2464, 2495, and 2465)—		
Billing, A., and Newman, A. H.—		
46 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	18 18 –	
49 Further ditto	11 11 –	
Newman, Stretton, and Hilliard—		
47 Costs of concurrence of Mr. Newman in Conveyance	6 6 –	
Re Terry—(2466)—		
Biller, G.—		
48 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	4 4 –	
		40 19 –
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).		
Re Herbert (Putney)—(2467)—		
Mott and Dent—		
533 Costs of Title and Conveyance		38 – –
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Steven's Executors (Whitecross-street)—(2468)—		
Mills, Lockyer and Mills—		
5008 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c	17 14 9	
Re Scotts (Whitecross-street)—(2469)—		
Mills, Lockyer and Mills—		
5009 Costs of Title and Conveyance	14 10 –	
Re Bishop and others (Essex-road)—(2470)—		
Mills, Lockyer and Mills—		
5010 Costs of Title and Conveyance	10 13 2	
Re Profaze's Executors (Little Coram-street)—(2471 and 2472)—		
Bank of England, for Chancery—		
5011 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 19 to 21, Chapel-place, and Nos. 3, and 17 to 20, Marchmont-place	459 – –	
Costs of Title and Assignment—		
5012 Biggin, E. H. £7 10 4		
5013 Pass, L. ... ... 31 4 –		
	38 14 4	
Carried forward	£540 12 3	8,793 14 4

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	540 12 3	8,793 14 4
Re Raybould (Essex-road)—(2473)—		
Raybould, J. W.—		
5014 Costs of repairing flank-wall of No. 81, Britannia-row	4 – –	
Re Commercial Brewery Co. (Goulston-street)—(2474)—		
Bonner, H. and E.—		
5015 Proportion of outgoings in respect of the "Freemasons' Arms" Public-house ...	7 – 10	
		551 13 1
		£9,345 7 5

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand longer than Three months—

Streets (*Act of* 1877.)

Re Erskine Permanent Benefit Building Society (Gray's-inn-road)—(762)—		
Punchard, J., Russell, E. W., and Reed, T. A. (Trustees of the Society)—		
6572 Surveyors' Fee	£11 11 –	
Re Havill's Trustees (Peckham)—(1189 and 1501)—		
Havill, Mrs. E., and Havill, W —		
6573 Purchase-money	50 – –	
Wyatt and Barraud—		
6574 Costs of Title and Assignment	10 2 2	
		£71 13 2

Your Committee submit an account of the sale of building materials of No. 14, Popham-road, Islington, by Messrs. Horne, Eversfield and Co., on 28th September, last—

Produce of sale	£6 10 –
Commission, £7 10s. per cent.	– 9 9
Amount received by Board, 31st October, 1883	£6 – 3

With the assistance of a Sub-Committee, your Committee, have in accordance with the reference made to them on the 19th ultimo (No. 11), considered the applications for the vacant First-class Clerkship in your Solicitor's Department. Sixty-five applications were received; and the Sub-Committee, having first selected and seen 14 of the applicants, finally chose three whom they consider the most suitable for the appointment. The three gentlemen thus chosen are Mr. A. C. Borlase, Mr. R. Dunning and Mr. E. Tanner, and your Committee recommend that one of them be appointed to the vacant post.

The attention of your Committee has, on this and other occasions, been directed to the large number of applications received from persons resident in provincial towns, often at a great distance from London, whenever a vacancy in the Board's Office is advertised. To mention one instance alone: your Committee have now before them 185 applications for a vacant place in your Superintending Architect's Department, the commencing salary of which is £150 a year. Of these 185 applications, no less than 84 are from persons who are resident at a distance from London, many of them in towns in Lancashire and Yorkshire, and some even in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Your

Committee are unable to select any Candidates for presentation to the Board, unless they have previously seen them and satisfied themselves that they are in all respects suited to the office which they seek; and your Committee are reluctant to put gentlemen living at a distance, to the considerable expense and trouble of coming up to London, on the extremely slender chance of their obtaining the appointment for which they are candidates. The chance of their being selected is all the more slight because for many of the appointments, and especially those in your Solicitor's Department, the Board require persons whose recent experience has been in London. To avoid, therefore, putting a number of persons to unnecessary trouble and expense, and also, it may be added, to avoid the expense incurred in printing all the particulars of their applications, your Committee recommend—

That in future, when applications for any office are invited by Advertisement, the Advertisement do state (unless in any case it be ordered to the contrary) that the Board will not entertain any applications other than such as are from persons resident in the Metropolis, or its immediate neighbourhood.

Your Committee have considered the application, referred back to them on the 12th January last (No. 7), from the Vestry of Rotherhithe, and householders in the Parish, for a division of the Parish into Wards. In connection therewith your Committee have also considered the various communications for and against the proposed alteration, which have been referred to them from time to time. The former Report of your Committee on this matter was presented to the Board on the 22nd December last, when the Board passed a Resolution expressing their intention to divide the Parish into three Wards. On the 12th January, however, the day appointed for hearing the parties interested, a Deputation from the Vestry attended, and in consequence of the representations then made, and also of a Letter from the Secretary of the Commercial Dock Company, the subject was remitted to your Committee for further consideration. It has accordingly engaged the attention of your Committee on several occasions, and having fully discussed it and conferred with your Officers, they see no reason to vary the conclusion which they reported to the Board on the 22nd December last. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the Vestry of Rotherhithe, and other parties who have addressed the Board on the subject of a division of the Parish into Wards, be informed that it is the intention of the Board to issue an Order for dividing the Parish into Three Wards, as shown on the Plan marked "C," referred to in the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd December last, and to increase the number of Vestrymen to 72, that being the number required by the Statute.

Your Committee have considered Letters from the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, referred to them at various times, asking for contributions towards the cost of the Improvements in the localities specified below. Your Committee have viewed the sites of the several Improvements, and have received Reports from your Superintending Architect, and they recommend—

That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the undermentioned Improvements, such contributions not to exceed the amounts set opposite to each Improvement, and to be paid to the Commissioners upon Certificates, in each case, by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same—

Locality of Improvement.	Estimated cost.	Limit of proposed contribution.
Nos. 14 to 16, Warwick-lane	£2,226	£1,113
Goodman's-yard, Minories	8,692	4,346
Nos. 14 to 16, Jewry-street, and No. 1, Crutched-friars	300	150
	£11,218	£5,609

Your Committee have had under consideration the applications, referred to them on the 16th May, 1879 (Nos. 3 and 8), and 26th September, 1879 (No. 3), from the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, for contributions towards the cost of Improvements at Ludgate-hill, East of the Old Bailey. No Estimates have yet been furnished, but

your Committee are informed that a considerable amount has already been expended by the Commissioners on those Improvements, and under the circumstances your Committee think that the Board should now determine whether or not they deem it desirable to contribute towards the cost thereof. Your Committee having given the matter due consideration, are of opinion that it is desirable that the Board should so contribute, and they recommend the Board to adopt that view.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 5th ultimo (No. 11), from the West Ham Local Board, calling the attention of this Board, as one of the Owners of property abutting upon Marsh-gate-lane, to the dangerous condition of the Bridge, carrying that Lane over the River Lee, and expressing the opinion that the owners of property should co-operate for the purpose of re-instating the Bridge. Since the date of the reference, a meeting of the occupiers and holders of property in the Lane has been held, and as the result of that meeting a Circular Letter has been addressed to the Board asking them to assent to a Special Rate, in proportion to their frontage, to defray one-half of the cost of the construction and maintenance of a new Bridge. Your Committee have conferred with your Solicitor, who states that he is unable to find that any legal liability for the repair of the Bridge rests upon the Board, and that as the Lane and Bridge are both outside the Metropolitan area, he doubts whether the Board would be legally justified in voluntarily submitting to be rated for the purpose proposed. It further appears that the Board would derive no immediate benefit from the proposed new Bridge, and that the value of their land abutting on the Lane is trifling in comparison with that of the manufacturing premises which would derive the chief benefit. Under the circumstances, your Committee are of opinion that the Board should decline to assent to the proposed Special Rate, and they recommend—

That the West Ham Local Board and the owners of property abutting on Marsh-gate-lane be so informed in reply to their communications on the subject.

Your Committee have considered the Notice, referred to them on the 2nd instant (No. 38), of the intention of the West Middlesex Waterworks Company to give, on and after the 1st March next, a constant supply of Water in a part of their District adjoining Lisson-grove, St. Marylebone. Your Committee, in accordance with the usual practice, have received a Report from your Engineer on the matter, and they recommend—

That the Board do not dissent from the proposal.

Your Committee beg to submit a similar recommendation to the foregoing with with regard to the Notice, referred on the 2nd instant (No. 30), from the East London Waterworks Company of their intention to give a constant supply of Water in and throughout a certain district or area, as therein described, in the Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town, and the Parishes of Bow, Bromley, Poplar and Limehouse.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from the Vestry of St. Pancras, referred by the Board on the 5th ultimo (No. 52), stating that the Vestry had resolved to accept, and lay out, and maintain the Burial-ground adjoining Holy Trinity Church, in Gray's-inn-road, and transmitting a Plan of the proposed work. On the 27th April last (No. 6) your Committee reported on a Memorial of the Rector and Churchwardens and Inhabitants of the Parish of Holy Trinity on the subject, and the Board, upon the recommendation of your Committee, resolved that, upon the Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, agreeing to convey the soil of the Burial-ground free of cost to the Vestry of St. Pancras, and upon that Vestry agreeing to accept, lay out, and maintain the ground as a place of recreation for the public for ever, the Board would contribute one-half of the first cost of laying out the ground, in such manner as they should approve. Your Committee have now received a Report from your Superintending Architect, stating that he has examined the Plan and Estimate, amounting to £1,200, and that he does not consider it excessive. The Estimate, however, includes a sum of £100 for seats, and this item should, it appeared

to your Committee, be excepted from the Board's contribution. The recommendation which they beg to submit is as follows—

> That the Board do contribute a sum, not exceeding £550, towards the cost of the laying out, by the Vestry of St. Pancras, of the Burial-ground adjoining Holy Trinity Church in Gray's-inn-road, such contribution to be paid to the Vestry upon the ground being properly handed over to them, for maintenance by them in perpetuity, and on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

With reference to the Resolution of the Board of the 9th instant (No. 19), referring it to your Committee to consider and report upon the desirability of the Board applying to Parliament in the ensuing Session for an amendment of the law relating to the stacking of Timber and Firewood in the Metropolis, your Committee have to state that they have considered the subject, but have not arrived at any conclusion thereon.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. M^cGAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
JOHN RUNTZ,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W^M. SHEPHERD,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
DONALD MUNRO,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W^M. DEBENHAM,
GEO. HILL.

The Account of the sale of building materials of No. 14, Popham-road, Islington, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the appointment of an Assistant in the Solicitor's Department in the First Class of Officers, be approved, and that the election be now proceeded with.

The Candidates whose names were submitted by the Committee were then called before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and resolved—That the names of the Candidates be put to the vote *seriatim*, and that the name of the Candidate having the least number of votes be struck off at each voting.

The Board then proceeded with the election by a show of hands, taken successively for each of the Candidates; the name of the Candidate having the smallest number of votes being struck off at each voting, as follows—

	1st Show of Hands.	2nd Show of Hands.
Borlase, A. C.	7	—
Dunning, R.	9	11
Tanner, E.	26	28

It was then moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Edward Tanner be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, as an Assistant in the Solicitor's Department, in the First Class of Officers, at a commencing salary of £200 per annum.

Mr. Tanner was then called and informed of the foregoing Resolution, and in reply to a question by the Chairman, he stated that he was prepared to enter upon his duties, and to devote the whole of his time to the discharge of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That in future, when applications for any appointment under the Board are invited by Advertisement, the Advertisement do state (unless in any case it be ordered to the contrary) that the Board will not entertain any applications other than such as are from persons resident in the Metropolis, or its immediate neighbourhood.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the Vestry of Rotherhithe, and other parties who have addressed the Board on the subject of a division of the Parish into Wards, be informed that it is the intention of the Board to issue an Order for dividing the Parish into Three Wards, as shown on the Plan marked "C," referred to in the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd December last (No. 9), and to increase the number of Vestrymen to 72, that being the number required by the Act.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, and seconded by Mr. Shepherd—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the under-mentioned Improvements by the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, such contributions not to exceed the amounts set opposite to each Improvement, and to be paid to the Commissioners upon Certificates in each case by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same—

Locality of Improvement.	Estimated cost.	Limit of proposed contribution.
Nos. 14 to 16, Warwick-lane	£2,226	£1,113
Goodman's-yard, Minories	8,692	4,346
Nos. 14 to 16, Jewry-street, and No. 1, Crutched-friars	300	150
	£11,218	£5,609

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That, with reference to the applications of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, for contributions towards the cost of Improvements in Ludgate-hill, East of the Old Bailey, the Board are of opinion that it is desirable that they should contribute towards the said Improvements.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board decline to assent to a Special Rate towards defraying the cost of constructing the proposed new Bridge over the River Lee, at Marsh-gate-lane, and that the West Ham Local Board, and the owners of property abutting on the Lane, be so informed in reply to their communications on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board see no reason to dissent from the proposal contained in the Notice from the West Middlesex Waterworks Company, dated 30th October, 1883, of their intention to give, on and after the 1st March next, a constant supply of Water in a part of their District adjoining Lisson-grove, St. Marylebone.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board see no reason to dissent from the proposal contained in the Notice from the East London Waterworks Company, dated 29th October, 1883, of their intention to give a constant supply of Water in and throughout a certain district or area, as therein described, in the Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town, and the Parishes of Bow, Bromley, Poplar and Limehouse.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute

one-half of the cost of the laying out, by the Vestry of St. Pancras, of the Burial-ground adjoining Holy Trinity Church, in Gray's-inn-road, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £550, and to be paid to the Vestry upon the ground being properly handed over to them for maintenance by them in perpetuity, and on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work of laying out, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the reference made to them by the Board on the 9th instant, to consider and report upon the desirability of the Board applying to Parliament for an amendment of the law relating to the stacking of Timber and Firewood in the Metropolis, be received.

After discussion, the motion was put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

13. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 13th November, 1883.

Your Committee have for some time been endeavouring to obtain a building site at Stoke Newington on which to erect a Fire Brigade Station, the present Engine-house in High-street being too small for the purposes of the Brigade. The house is held on a Lease, which will expire at Michaelmas, 1888, at a rent of £60 a year. There is no stable attached, and it does not accommodate all the men belonging to the Station. A suitable site for a new building has now been found in Brooke-road, at the corner of Leswin-street. The area required for the new Station is 6,300 feet, and Mr. Tyssen Amherst, the owner, is willing to sell the Freehold for £1,700. Your Superintending Architect considers the price a reasonable one, and your Committee accordingly recommend—

That they be authorised to purchase the site for that sum.

The Chief Officer has reported to your Commitee that the Steam Fire-engine (No. 61) which was made for the Board in 1866, by Messrs. Shand, Mason and Company, at a cost of £400, is unfit for further service unless a large sum be spent in putting it into working order. £393 has been spent upon the Engine since it was bought; and, as it has lasted 17 years, your Committee are of opinion that it is not desirable to expend a further large sum upon it. Messrs. Shand, Mason and Company are willing to take the old Engine back, and to supply a new one in its place for £350, and your Committee recommend—

That the offer be accepted.

Your Committee have had before them a Report by the Chief Officer, and a Certificate by one of the Medical Officers to the effect that Andrew Sherred, a Fourth-class Fireman, is suffering from giddiness, severe pains in the head, and deafness, caused by a fracture of the base of his skull. The injury, it appears, was received at a fire in Southwark-street in August last, when Sherred fell from a wall, a distance of about 14 feet. The Medical Officer is of opinion that Sherred's infirmity is such as to permanently incapacitate him for further service in the Brigade. It is possible, however, that he may after a time be fit for other work, and the Chief Officer has suggested that in this case a permanent Pension should not be granted, and that it would be sufficient for the Board to grant an allowance for six months. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That Sherred be discharged, and that an allowance of £1 a week be made to him for six months.

Henry Wheeler, a Fourth-class Fireman, has been reported to your Committee for refusing to do duty when called upon. Your Committee recommend—

That he be dismissed.

Your Committee have to report that Third-class Fireman Joseph J. Pilgrim and Fourth-class Firemen William Knox and James R. Jolliffe have withdrawn from the service, and that their names have accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Your Committee have to recommend—

That the following promotions be made, viz.:—Second-class Firemen William A. Murray and Charles Mills to the First Class; Third-class Firemen Tom Bawden and John Jackson to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Firemen, Holice A. Andrews, James E. Hudson and Thomas Stoneman to the Third Class.

Your Committee have further to recommend—

That Henry T. Bushell, Ernest Stroud, Alfred R. Divers, Henry C. Aiton and Humphrey Williams be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

Your Committee have to report, for the information of the Board, that the fixing of fire-plug indicators in the street lamps throughout the Metropolis is still being proceeded with. Arrangements are now being made for the fixing of the fire-plug tablets in the following Parishes and Districts—Fulham, Poplar, Wandsworth, Hampstead, Hackney, Greenwich, Plumstead, Woolwich, Saint Saviour's and Saint Olave's. When the indicators shall have been fixed in these Parishes and Districts, the work will have been completed throughout the Metropolis.

Your Committee have given instructions for Telephonic communication to be established between the Superintendent's Station at Kennington and the Cherry-garden-pier at Rotherhithe, where a Steam Floating-engine lies at night. The cost of this communication will be £50 a year, and will be in place of the Telegraphic communication with the lodgings in Union-street, occupied by the men attached to the Floating-engine, for which £38 10s. a year is paid. Communication by Telephone between Shadwell Station on the North side of the River, and the Rotherhithe Station on the South side will also be established at an annual rent of £39 5s., and will be in place of the present electric communication between the Shadwell Station and the lodgings in Union-street. The increased cost of this will be £15 10s. a year.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. J. WETENHALL,
W. R. SELWAY,
GEO. EDWARDS,
ROBT. JONES,
GEORGE HILL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the Committee be authorised to purchase of Mr. Tyssen Amherst, for the sum of £1,700, a piece of Freehold ground in Brooke-road, at the corner of Leswin-street, Stoke Newington, for the purpose of erecting thereon a new Fire Brigade Station.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That, inasmuch as one of the Steam Fire-engines, purchased by the Board in 1866, is unfit for further use, the offer of Messrs. Shand, Mason and Co. to take back the old Engine, and to supply a new one in place thereof, for a sum of £350, be accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Fourth-class Fireman Andrew Sherred, who is certified to be incapacitated for further service in the Brigade through injuries received at a fire, be discharged, and that an allowance of £1 a week be made to him for six months.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Fourth-class Fireman Henry Wheeler be dismissed for misconduct.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the following promotions be made, viz.—Second-class Firemen William A. Murray and Charles Mills, to the

First Class; Third-class Firemen Tom Bawden and John Jackson to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Firemen Holice A. Andrews, James E. Hudson and Thomas Stoneman to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Henry T. Bushell, Ernest Stroud, Alfred R. Divers, Henry C. Aiton and Humphrey Williams be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

14. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 13th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have carefully considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The building is bounded on the North by the premises of the United Hotel, on the South by Pall-mall, on the East by the Haymarket, and on the West by the Opera Arcade. The site is nearly rectangular on Plan, and measures 157 feet from North to South, by 173 feet from East to West. The height of the building from the floor of the carpenters' shop to the general line of the roof over the auditorium is 84 feet 6 inches. The number of persons accommodated in the Theatre varies with the character of the entertainment given, from 2,188 during the Opera season to 2,444 during dramatic and other performances, when additional seats are placed in the pit. Your Committee have considered the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade upon the Theatre, referred by the Board on the 4th August, 1882 (No. 15), and a careful inspection of all parts of the building has been made by the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee. Your Committee have also received a Report from your Superintending Architect, pointing out, in connection with the Drawings of the Theatre, the portions of the premises which require improvement. Your Committee, as the result of their investigations, have now to report that they are of opinion that the following alterations of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the proscenium wall be raised to a height of 3 feet above the flat of the roof over the auditorium, throughout the entire length of such wall.

2.—That the openings in the proscenium wall below the level of the stage, and the openings at the North-East angle of the stage, on the stage level, be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

3.—That brick parapet walls, 3 feet in height, and 9 inches thick, be built on the East and West sides of the Theatre proper.

4.—That the iron balustrade and wooden handrail to the top flight of the gallery staircase, at the North-West angle of the gallery, be removed, and be re-placed by wrought-iron bars, one inch square, placed 6 inches apart, and carried up to the ceiling, to enclose such top flight on the South side thereof; and that the partition enclosing the well-hole of such staircase on the gallery level be removed, and be enclosed by iron bars as last described, carried up to the ceiling.

5.—That the staircase between the gallery and the gallery stalls be enclosed upon all sides with brickwork 9 inches thick.

6.—That the pay-box in the angle of the gallery staircase be removed.

7.—That the raised step at the rear of the gallery be removed, and the floor made good and of one level throughout.

8.—That the door-ways leading into the air shafts at the head of the gallery staircases be filled in with iron grilles.

9.—That the balustrade on one side of the open well-hole of the staircase to the gallery stalls, at the North-West angle of the house, be removed, and that the staircase be enclosed with brickwork, 9 inches thick, on the side next the auditorium.

10.—That two additional exits be provided from the basement of the Theatre, leading directly into the street.

11.—That an additional entrance be provided to the pit from the pit corridor.

12.—That the windows of the gallery staircase be protected with iron grilles.

13.—That the door-way of the carpenters' shop in the basement of the Theatre be closed with a wrought-iron door, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself.

14.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout iron guards

15.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, flights of steps, and landings, where not already provided.

16.—That the stage door-way and the door-way adjoining to the Southward, and all door-ways used by the public, be made at least 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two-folds, and be made to open outwards.

And your Committee recommend—

That a Draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

Your Committee have also to report that they have carefully considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Princess's Theatre, No. 152, Oxford-street, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The Theatre is situated on the North side of Oxford-street, having its gallery and pit entrances in Winsley-street, and its stage entrance in Castle-street. The total number of persons which the building will hold is 1,944, of whom 1,824 can be seated. In this case also your Committee have considered the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade upon the Theatre, referred by the Board on the 4th August, 1882 (No. 15), and the observations made by Mr. C. J. Phipps, on behalf of the Owner, upon such Report, referred by the Board on the 29th September, 1882 (No. 78). They have in addition had before them a Report by your Superintending Architect upon the whole question, accompanied by Drawings prepared under his direction. The Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee viewed the premises on the 3rd instant, and your Committee, having received their Report on the subject, have arrived at the conclusion that the following alterations of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the opening in the proscenium wall beneath the stage be filled up with brickwork, 14 inches thick, carried down to the level of the footings of such wall, and carried up to the underside of the stage; that not more than two openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide and 6 feet high, be formed in such wall, and that such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built across the opening at the North-East angle of the stage, adjoining Mr. Wilson Barrett's dressing-room; that a door-way be formed in such wall, not exceeding 3 feet 6 inches wide and

6 feet high, closed with a wrought-iron door, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself.

3.—That the lobby and two steps in the floor at the South-West angle of the pit be removed, and that the floor of the exit passage from the pit on the West side be formed on an incline.

4.—That the present exit from the pit into Oxford-street be widened to 5 feet 6 inches at its narrowest point; that a wall be built to enclose such exit on the East side thereof; that such exit do have the ceiling and the floor formed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board; and that the raised steps and enclosure at the North-West angle of the pit, together with the last two rows of seats at the South-West and North-West angles of the pit be removed.

5.—That the floor of the scene dock over the carpenters' shop be constructed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board, and that an iron door, similar in all respects to that described in requisition No. 2, be fixed to the doorway to such carpenters' shop.

6.—That the recesses in the proscenium wall on the level of the second tier be filled in with brickwork the full thickness of the wall.

7.—That the passage ways leading to the pass staircases at the sides of the upper circle, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

8.—That one seat be removed at each end of the third row of stalls from the stage.

9.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed down the centre of the pit.

10.—That the balustrade of the staircase on the upper box level, at the South-West angle of the Theatre premises, be removed, and be re-placed by wrought-iron bars, one inch square, placed 6 inches apart, and carried up to the ceiling.

11.—That the rise of the steps in the gallery gangways be reduced to 6 inches.

12.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout wire guards.

13.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, landings, and flights of steps, where not already provided.

14.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

And your Committee recommend—

That a Draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly, or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

Your Committee have further to report that they have carefully considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, Sadler's Wells Theatre, St. John-street-road, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The Theatre is situated in an open yard, adjoining that portion of the New River which runs parallel with Myddelton-place, and is detached upon three sides. The principal entrance is on the East side, the pit entrance is on the South side, and the gallery entrance on the West side. The auditorium is 64 feet long by 49 feet wide, and it is stated that it will seat 1,800 persons. The proscenium opening is 25 feet 6 inches wide, and 33 feet high. The Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee visited the Theatre on the 3rd instant, and reported their views to your Committee, who, in

dealing with the question have also considered the Report, and the Drawings of the building prepared by your Superintending Architect, the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, referred by the Board on the 4th August, 1882 (No. 15), and the observations of Mr. Phipps upon the Chief Officer's Report, referred by the Board on the 29th September, 1882 (No. 78). Your Committee are of opinion that the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the auditorium; that not more than two openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, and 6 feet high, be formed in such wall, and that such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That iron doors, similar in all respects to those last described, be provided to the opening on the stage level, between the stage and the stall corridor on the East side of the Theatre, and to the opening in the proscenium wall between the flies and the slips on the prompt side, and that the recess in the proscenium wall, on the level of the flies on the O.P. side, be bricked up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such opening is situated.

3.—That a new exit, 5 feet wide, enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials, with a door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, leading into the yard on the East side of the Theatre, be formed from the stalls and pit-stalls.

4.—That a new gallery staircase be built on the East side of the Theatre, on a portion of the site of the cloak-room adjoining the dress circle stairs; that such staircase do have solid steps of York or other approved stone, with 11-inch treads, and 6-inch risers, 4 feet wide in the clear; that the steps be supported at both ends, and that the several flights be enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, 9 inches thick; that the landings of such staircase be formed of similar material to the steps, and be 4 feet wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls 9 inches thick; that such landings be square upon the Plan, and do have arches, 9 inches deep, in two rims, turned under them, or be supported on rolled iron joists, in the middle of such landings; and that such staircase do have a roof of brick, or other fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

5.—That the first step of the standing place at the rear of the pit be removed, and the floor made good.

6.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be provided at the sides of the stalls, pit-stalls, and pit, respectively.

7.—That a similar gangway, with steps of an easy rise, be formed at the sides of the gallery, and that the central gangway be continued down to the gallery front.

8.—That a brick wall, 9 inches thick, be built to divide the auditorium from the green-room on the ground floor, and the property-room and wardrobe on the balcony level.

9.—That new staircases of teak, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, be provided to the dressing-rooms on both sides of the house, and that the steps in the box corridor on the East side of the Theatre be removed, and the floor made good.

10.—That the Gas-meters adjoining the green-room, on the stage level, be separated from the Theatre premises by brick walls, or be removed to a suitable position in the basement; and that, in either case, provision be made for the ventilation of the enclosure in which they are placed.

11.—That brick parapet walls, 9 inches thick and 3 feet high, with lead

gutters, be built on both sides of the roof over the stage, and that portion of the premises abutting upon Arlington-street.

12.—That stout wire guards be fixed to the skylights in the roof.

13.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, of the width of 3 feet 6 inches and upwards, and on one side of all staircases, steps and landings of less than that width, where not already provided.

14.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

In order to give effect to these views, your Committee recommend—

That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

The Board, on the 13th July last (No. 16), directed that a draft Notice, containing Ten requirements as to structural alterations, should be transmitted to the Owners of the premises of the Royal Academy of Music in Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, and at the same time authorised your Committee to confer with the Owners upon such Requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject. On the 16th ultimo a Letter was presented to your Committee from the Secretary of the Academy, stating that the Committee of Management had decided "not to apply for a renewal of their "License, and that the large room, formerly used as a Concert-room, would now "be exclusively appropriated to the private uses of the Academy." In consequence, however, of the publication of a Report in the public newspapers, from which it appeared that a License was granted to the Academy on the 12th ultimo, your Committee caused a communication to be addressed to the Secretary of the Academy, with a view to ascertain what further steps they intended to take in the matter. Your Committee have now received a Letter in reply, dated the 30th ultimo, to the effect that the License was granted by the Magistrates without any application on the part of the Academy, but that the Committee of Management would not alter their Resolution to reserve the building exclusively for educational uses, to give all public performances of the students in St. James's-hall, and not to let the Concert-room for occupation by strangers. Your Committee, under these circumstances, recommend—

That the requisitions of the Board with reference to the structural defects of the building be not at present insisted upon, and that the reference of the matter to the Committee be discharged.

The Board, on the 19th ultimo (No. 13), in accordance with the recommendation of your Committee, directed that a copy of the Report of the Board's Chemical Assistant upon Monsieur Bernheim's invention for rendering the dresses, scenery, decorations, and woodwork used in Theatres fire-resisting, should be sent to the Lord Chamberlain, with an intimation that the Board had no power to enforce the use of the process. Your Committee have had before them a further Letter from the inventor, expressing a hope that the Report of the Board's Chemical Assistant upon his invention has been favourable, and that, if his process appears to the Board to be of a practical character, they will adopt it for the London Theatres. Your Committee beg to recommend—

That Monsieur Bernheim be informed, that the Board have no power to enforce the use of his process, but that they have sent a copy of the Report of their Chemical Assistant thereon to the Lord Chamberlain.

Your Committee have also considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in St. James's Theatre, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. The Theatre is situated on the South side of King-street,

St. James's, between Nos. 22 and 24. It has a frontage of 59 feet 9 inches on King-street, and a total depth of 164 feet. The entrances for the public are in King-street, and the stage entrance is on the East side, in Angel-court. The total number of persons accommodated in the Theatre is about 1,000. In dealing with this case also, your Committee have had under consideration the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade upon the Theatre, referred by the Board on the 4th August, 1882 (No. 15), the observations of Mr. Phipps in reply to such Report, referred on the 29th September, 1882 (No. 78), and also the Report (with Drawings) of your Superintending Architect, suggesting certain works necessary to provide for the safety of the public. Your Committee, having ascertained the views of the Theatres and Music-halls Sub-Committee, who recently inspected the premises, have arrived at the conclusion that the following alterations of a structural character are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the proscenium wall be carried up of the full thickness, to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built under the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the mezzanine from the orchestra; that not more than two openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide and 6 feet high, be formed in such wall, and that such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the floors of the property-rooms, modelling-room, passages, &c., over the auditorium on the Gridiron level, as well as the floors of the carpenters' shop and its dependencies, and the dwelling-rooms next King-street, at the North-West angle of the Theatre, be protected by wrought-iron plates, one-eighth of an inch thick, screwed to the floor boards.

3.—That the door-way on the Gridiron level, between the stage and the gentlemen's dressing-rooms, be closed with brickwork 14 inches thick

4.—That the openings between the stage and the ladies' and gentlemen's dressing-rooms be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

5.—That separate exits be provided from the ladies' and gentlemen's dressing-rooms, leading directly into Angel-court.

6.—That the cellar, under the stage entrance in Angel-court, be separated from the Theatre premises by a floor constructed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

7.—That a passage-way, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed on each side of the pit.

8.—That the gangway at the rear of the dress circle be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches; or that two gangways, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the dress circle opposite the entrance door-ways.

9.—That gangways, 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of an easy rise, be provided in the centre and at the sides of the gallery.

10.—That a ceiling of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board, be formed over the landing of the gallery staircase in front of the pay-box, on the upper-box level.

11.—That the flush bolts to the gallery doors be removed.

12.—That the handrail to the upper box staircase be removed, and chases formed in the walls of the staircase for the handrail, in order to increase the width of such staircase.

13.—That the handrails to the pass staircases on both sides of the house be properly stayed.

14.—That the steps leading to the private boxes be removed, and an inclined plane substituted.

15.—That the door-way leading into the space under the auditorium be bricked up; or that such space do have a ceiling, formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board, to separate it from the auditorium.

16.—That the wood and canvas jacket to the flue from the sun-burner in the centre of the house, be removed, and a metal jacket substituted.

17.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by strong wire guards.

18.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

19.—That all doors used by the public be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

Your Committee therefore recommend—

That a Draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

Your Committee beg to submit, herewith, five Reports which they have received from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates' Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the works ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

No. 1, Trinity-place, Rotherhithe.
„ 2, Ditto, ditto.
„ 4, Ditto, ditto.
"Sugar Loaf" Public-house, Betts-street, St. George-in-the-East.
No. 93, St. Martin's-lane, St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Your Committee have had before them a Report from your Superintending Architect, from which it appears that on visiting the premises, Nos. 15 and 16, Horace-street, St. Marylebone, he found that the hoarding had been carried away, and that the houses were demolished, excepting the chimney-breasts attached to the party-wall of No 17, and as these were in imminent danger of falling and dragging the party-wall with them, your Superintending Architect instructed Messrs. Greenwood, the Board's Contractors, to take them down. Your Committee beg to report the fact for the information of the Board, and to recommend—

That the course taken by the Superintending Architect be approved.

Your Committee have proceeded further upon the reference made to them on the 28th September last (No. 78) with respect to certain wooden hoardings in Victoria-street, Westminster, which were in a dangerous condition. Your Committee reported to the Board on the 19th ultimo that they had instructed your Solicitor to give such legal assistance to the District Surveyor as he might require. Your Committee are now informed by your Solicitor that he caused Summones to be issued against the Owners of the hoardings, under the Dangerous Structures' provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act. The case was heard by Mr. D'Eyncourt on the 29th ultimo, and the 3rd instant, and after investigation, the Magistrate ordered that the hoardings should be reduced to a height of 16 feet from the level of the foot pavement. The present height of the hoardings was stated to be from 23 to 27 feet. Your Committee beg to report these facts for the information of the Board.

The Board, on Friday last (No. 71), referred to your Committee the application of Mr. H. Wilkinson, on behalf of Mr. J. Adams-Acton, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a conservatory on a portion of the forecourt of No. 8, Langford-place, St. John's-wood, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application. The matter has been on several occasions under consideration by the Board. The house in question is situated more than 33 feet from the road-way, and the present amended Plan shows that the projection of the proposed conservatory has been reduced. The Vestry of St. Marylebone offer no objection to the application, and your Committee, having heard the parties interested, recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. W. H. Grist, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, a temporary iron Church, erected in Rectory-road, Stoke Newington, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 75). The building was first approved by the Board in October, 1881, for a period of two years, and the District Surveyor reports that it is in a good and substantial condition. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, for a period of Two years, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

Your Committee have also to report that they have proceeded upon the Resolution of the Board of the 19th ultimo, (No. 13), referring back to them for further consideration and report, the question of the legal proceedings taken by your Solicitor with reference to the enclosure, with wood, of the posts and rails adjoining No. 1, Woodlands-terrace, Woodlands-road, Greenwich. The Board, on the 13th July last (No. 16), instructed your Solicitor to take proceedings against the builder; but he now advises your Committee that no further action should be taken in the matter, as the erections alluded to are in a private road. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That no further action be taken by the Board in the matter, and that the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. J. Ellis, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses and shops on the East side of Edgware-road, at the corner of Loveridge-road, Hampstead, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 19th ultimo (No. 44). This is an amended application for the erection of houses and shops on land belonging to the Metropolitan Railway Company. The Vestry of Hampstead do not object to the line of frontage, and your Committee, having regard to the difficulty of arranging the buildings, which is caused by the proximity of a Railway arch, agree in the view expressed by your Solicitor that the Board may assent to the proposal. They recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter from the Hackney District Board, relative to the erection of a gate across the Northern entrance to the extension of Sanford-place, Stoke Newington-common, referred by the Board on the 19th ultimo (No. 67). A gate has been erected on a foot-way known as Sanford-place, and the words "Private road" have been painted upon it. Your Solicitor has reported to your Committee that, as it appears to be intended to keep the foot-way private, the Board cannot be advised to interfere in the matter. Your Committee recommend—

That the District Board be informed, that it is not the intention of this Board to take any action in the matter, and that the attention of the District Board be called to the provisions

of the Amendment Act, 1878, prohibiting a street formed for foot traffic being afterwards used for the purposes of carriage traffic.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Mr. J. S. Quilter, District Surveyor, relative to the extension of Deronda-road, Norwood-road, to the Westward of Romola-road, and the erection of houses therein, without the approval of the Board having previously been obtained thereto, referred by the Board on the 16th March last (No. 71). Your Committee instructed your Solicitor to proceed against the builder of the houses for not forming two entrances to the road. The access to the houses was barred by a gate, but, on the requisition of the Parish authorities, the barrier has now been removed. Under these circumstances, your Solicitor is of opinion that it is inexpedient for the Board to take any further action in the matter, and your Committee, concurring in that view, recommend—

That the substance of the Solicitor's Report be communicated to Mr. Quilter, in reply to his Letter.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from the Fulham District Board, relative to the erection of a fence in Dawes-road, at the corner of Hartopp-avenue, within the prescribed distance from the centre of such road, and requesting this Board to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance with the law, referred by the Board on the 6th April last (No. 89), and referred back on the 29th June last (No. 10), and the 2nd instant (No. 26). In accordance with the Resolution of the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 26), your Solicitor has reported further to your Committee on the subject. It appears that, although the fence complained of was removed upon proceedings being taken by direction of your Committee, a portion of it was subsequently re-erected. Your Committee recommend—

That the Solicitor be instructed to take proceedings with a view to the removal of the fence in question.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. H.Parsons, District Surveyor, stating that a road, named Kay-road, leading out of Landor-road, Lambeth, had been partly formed, and that several houses were in course of erection therein, without the approval of the Board, referred by the Board on the 27th July last (No. 88). In this case your Solicitor was authorised to take proceedings against the builder, and he now reports that the buildings have been taken down, and that no further proceedings are necessary. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

In accordance with the reference made to them on the 2nd instant (No. 5), your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, suggesting that Parliamentary power should be obtained to enable Vestries and District Boards to prohibit the use of hoardings for advertising purposes. The Vestry remind the Board of a previous correspondence on the subject, and suggest that a Clause for securing the object in view might be introduced into one of the Bills of the Board which the Board have in course of preparation. Your Committee are of opinion that it would be impracticable to deal with the matter at the present time, but they have directed that a memorandum of the suggested legislation should be made for future reference, and they recommend—

That the Vestry be informed, in reply to their communication, that a note has been made of their suggestions, with a view to legislation at some future time.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. J. A. J. Woodward, District Surveyor for Central Lambeth, relative to the erection of houses on the East side of South Lambeth-road, between No. 57, in that road, and Fentiman-road, referred by the Board on the 28th September last (No. 108). Your Committee are informed by your Superintending Architect that, since the matter was referred to them, an amended application for consent to the line of frontage in question has been submitted to and approved by the Board. Under these circumstances your Committee recommend—

That the reference be discharged.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. J. Pullen, complaining of the amount of Dangerous Structure fees charged by Mr. Fletcher, District Surveyor for West Newington, &c., in respect of premises in Penton-place and Clarence-place, Walworth, referred by the Board on the 26th ultimo (No. 38.) The fees in question amounted to only £2 2s. 6d., and were charged in respect of No. 81, Penton-place, but the cause of complaint arose out of previous transactions between the parties, relating to a large amount of property in the neighbourhood, and extending over several months. As regards No. 2, Clarence-place, a Summons was taken out by the Board before the Magistrate at the Lambeth Police-court, upon the Certificate of the District Surveyor that the premises were in a dangerous state. In the result the Magistrate dismissed the Summons, allowing the Defendant four guineas costs; and Mr. Pullen has requested the Board to make enquiry into the circumstances of the case, alleging that the legal proceedings taken against him were unjustifiable. Your Committee have heard the parties, and have gone very fully into the matters at issue between them, and your Committee have arrived at the conclusion that Mr. Pullen is not entitled to the remission of the fees complained of, and that it is unnecessary for the Board to take any action as to the other matters which have been the subject of discussion. Your Committee recommend—

> That no allowance be made by the Board in respect of the fees in question, and that Mr. Pullen be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. Rowe, Jun., for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a shop, upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 94, Acre-lane, Brixton, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 53). The alternative Plan, marked A, which is submitted with the application, shows the proposed three-storey house, with a shop, brought out to a line 37 feet 6 inches at the East end, and 35 feet at the West end, beyond the front of No. 94, Acre-lane. The Vestry of Lambeth approve of the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

> That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue on the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan marked "A" accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. H. A. Hunt, on behalf of Mr. A. Mortimore, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden bay-window, and a verandah, at the rear of Alnwick House, Berlin-road, Catford Bridge, Lewisham, referred by the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 54). The bay-window and verandah together will be 21 feet in length, and will project 11 feet from the external wall of the house. The verandah is to be formed of turned wooden posts resting on stone bases, the whole being roofed with lead. Your Committee see no objection to the proposal, and they recommend—

> That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. K. Wilson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 101 and 103, Loampit-vale, Lewisham, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 55.) The amended Plan shows the proposed shops brought out to the boundary line of the forecourts of the adjacent houses. The Lewisham District Board assent to the proposal; and your Committee recommend—

> That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the

letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. J. Pattison, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building on land on the West side of his premises in Pilgrim-street, Lambeth, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855, referred by the Board on the 2nd instant. The building is to be used for the purposes of the applicant's trade which is that of a Bottle Merchant; it will be built of wood framing, covered with corrugated iron, and will be divided into two sections, the height to the eaves being 10 feet 3 inches. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, for a period of One year, upon condition that the owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building, and also on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. H. Lovegrove, on behalf of Mr. R. Horner, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of additions to a shed in Spitalfield Market, Whitechapel, referred by the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 68). The Board, on the 22nd July last, approved of the construction of an open shed at the Market, and sanction is now requested to the further extension of the structure on the West side of the Market Square. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. F. J. Eedle, on behalf of Mr. J. H. Billinghurst, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses, with one-storey bay-windows, on the site of Nos. 47 and 49, Kimpton-road, Camberwell, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 57). The proposed new buildings are set back 1 foot from the present frontage line in the street, and the bay-windows, one storey in height, are 1 foot 6 inches beyond the general line of buildings in Kimpton-road. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have had under consideration the application of Mr. F. A. Freshwater, for the consent of the Board to the erection of seven houses, with bay-windows, on the South side of Westmacott-street, Camberwell, and a house, with a bay-window, on the West side of Brisbane-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 58). The applicant is about to erect seven houses in Westmacott-street, at a distance of 19 feet 9 inches from the centre of the thoroughfare, and each of the houses will have a one-storey bay-window projecting 14 inches beyond the general line of buildings. Your Superintending Architect sees no objection to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Watson, Sons and Room, on behalf of Mr. C. S. Thurlow, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 21 and 21A, Dalling-road, Hammersmith, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 59). The amended Plan shows the one-storey shops brought out to the same frontage line as that proposed in the application which the Board on the 5th October last, refused to sanction. The flank wall of the shops proposed to be built on the forecourts of No.

21A, Dalling-road will be 8 feet distant from the adjoining premises. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

The Board on Friday last (No. 60) referred to your Committee the application of Mr. S. J. Clegg, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 170, New-cross-road, Deptford, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposed shop will be brought out to the frontage line of the shops situated between No. 170, New-cross-road and the corner of Besson-street. A strip of ground, 2 feet wide, is to be given up by the applicant so as to widen the public way in New-cross-road. The Greenwich District Board offer no objection to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shops from the public way, and shown by Blue colour on the Plan, be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. T. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. E. J. Chant, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses on the North side of George's-road, at the corner of Pack-horse-lane, Islington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 62). The fronts of the proposed houses are set back 20 feet from the centre of George's-road, and the flank wall of the corner house is set back 20 feet from the centre of Pack-horse-lane. As, however, the houses will be brought out in advance of the houses in George's-road, East of Pack-horse-lane, your Committee think the application objectionable, and they recommend—

That it be not granted.

In accordance with the reference by the Board on Friday last (No. 63), your Committee have considered the application of Mr. R. Noyes, on behalf of the Birkbeck Building Society, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on the North side of Scholefield-road, at the rear of No. 73, Elthorne-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The proposed building is brought out in a line with the flank wall of No. 73, Elthorne-road, and it abuts upon the public way in Scholefield-road. Your Committee see no objection to the position of the shop, as it is isolated on the North side by the entrance to the Mews leading out of Scholefield-road. They recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. J. Pyke, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a vestibule, and the extension of a bay-window upon a portion of the forecourt of Devonshire-place House, Marylebone-road, to the lines shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 72). The proposed vestibule is 20 feet 6 inches wide, 50 feet long, and one-storey high; and it extends from the front of Devonshire-place House to the boundary line of the forecourt. It is also proposed to build a semi-circular one-storey addition to a bay-window at Devonshire-place House, to a line 4 feet in advance of the old projection. The Vestry of St. Marylebone consider the proposal objectionable, and your Committee concurring in that view recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Pursuant to the reference by the Board on Friday last (No. 83), your Committee have considered the application of Mr. T. Bate, on behalf of Mr. H. H. P. Cotton, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a Mews to lead out of West-end-

lane, Hampstead. The applicant proposes to form a Mews, with road-ways, 20 feet in width, at the rear of houses in West-end-lane. The Plan submitted shows two entrances to the Mews, one from West-end-lane, and the other from Gipsy-lane, but the applicant states that he has no control over those entrances. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of the Rev. J. F. Porter, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, a temporary iron Church erected in Brookfield-road, Homerton, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 76). The building was first approved by the Board in May, 1876, and the approval has been extended from time to time. The District Surveyor reports that the building is in good repair, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, for a period of Two years, upon condition that the owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
DONALD MUNRO,
W. R. SELWAY,
W. DEBENHAM.

The Report having been read and received.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public, from, and the prevention of fire in, Her Majesty's Theatre, in the Haymarket, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved; and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the proscenium wall be raised to a height of 3 feet above the flat of the roof over the auditorium, throughout the entire length of such wall.

2.—That the openings in the proscenium wall, below the level of the stage, and the openings at the North-East angle of the stage, on the stage level, be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

3.—That brick parapet walls, 3 feet in height, and 9 inches thick, be built on the East and West sides of the Theatre proper.

4.—That the iron balustrade and wooden handrail to the top flight of the gallery staircase, at the North-West angle of the gallery, be removed, and be re-placed by wrought-iron bars, one inch square, placed 6 inches apart, and carried up to the ceiling, to enclose such top flight on the South side thereof; and that the partition enclosing the well-hole of such staircase on the gallery level be removed, and be enclosed by iron bars as last described, carried up to the ceiling.

5.—That the staircase between the gallery and gallery stalls be enclosed upon all sides with brickwork 9 inches thick.

6.—That the pay-box in the angle of the gallery staircase be removed.

7.—That the raised step at the rear of the gallery be removed, and the floor made good and of one level throughout.

8.—That the door-ways leading into the air shafts at the head of the gallery staircases be filled in with iron grilles.

9.—That the balustrade on one side of the open well-hole of the staircase to the gallery stalls, at the North-West angle of the house, be removed, and that the staircase be enclosed with brickwork, 9 inches thick, on the side next the auditorium.

10.—That two additional exits be provided from the basement of the Theatre, leading directly into the street.

11.—That an additional entrance be provided to the pit from the pit corridor.

12.—That the windows of the gallery staircase be protected with iron grilles.

13.—That the door-way of the carpenter's shop in the basement of the Theatre be closed with a wrought-iron door, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself.

14.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout iron guards.

15.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, flights of steps, and landings, where not already provided.

16.—That the stage door-way and the door-way adjoining to the Southward, and all door-ways used by the public be made at least 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two-folds and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner of the premises, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly, or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions; and that the Committee do report further to the Board on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Princess's Theatre, No. 152, Oxford-street, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved, and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations of a structural character are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the opening in the proscenium wall beneath the stage be filled up with brickwork, 14 inches thick, carried down to the level of the footings of such wall, and carried up to the underside of the stage; that not more than two openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide and 6 feet high, be formed in such wall, and that such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built across the opening at the North-East angle of the stage, adjoining Mr. Wilson Barrett's dressing-room; that a door-way be formed in such wall, not exceeding 3 feet 6 inches wide and 6 feet high, closed with a wrought-iron door, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself.

3.—That the lobby and two steps in the floor at the South-West angle of the pit be removed, and that the floor of the exit passage from the pit on the West side be formed on an incline.

4.—That the present exit from the pit into Oxford-street be widened to 5 feet 6 inches at its narrowest point; that a wall be built to enclose such exit on the East side thereof; that such exit do have the ceiling and the floor formed of

fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board; and that the raised steps and enclosure at the North-West angle of the pit, together with the two last rows of seats at the South-West and North-West angles of the pit be removed.

5.—That the floor of the scene dock over the carpenters' shop be constructed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board, and that an iron door, similar in all respects to that described in Requisition No. 2, be fixed to the door-way to such carpenters' shop.

6.—That the recesses in the proscenium wall on the level of the second tier be filled in with brickwork the full thickness of the wall.

7.—That the passage-ways leading to the pass staircases at the sides of the upper circle, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

8.—That one seat be removed at each end of the third row of stalls from the stage.

9.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed down the centre of the pit.

10.—That the balustrade of the staircase on the upper box level at the South-West angle of the Theatre premises be removed, and be re-placed by wrought-iron bars one inch square, placed 6 inches apart, and carried up to the ceiling.

11.—That the rise of the steps in the gallery gangways be reduced to 6 inches.

12.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout wire guards.

13.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, landings, and flights of steps where not already provided.

14.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner of the Theatre, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions; and that the Committee do report further upon the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Sadler's Wells Theatre, in St. John-street-road, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved, and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations, of a structural character are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the auditorium; that not more than two openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, and 6 feet high, be formed in such wall, and that such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That iron doors, similar in all respects to those last described, be provided to the opening on the stage level, between the stage and the stall corridor on the East side of the Theatre, and to the opening in the proscenium wall between the flies and the slips on the prompt side, and that the recess in the proscenium wall on the level of the flies on the O.P. side be bricked up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such opening is situated.

3.—That a new exit, 5 feet wide, enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials, with a door-way, 4 feet 6 inches wide, leading into the yard, on the East side of the Theatre, be formed from the stalls and pit-stalls.

4.—That a new gallery staircase be built on the East side of the Theatre, on a portion of the site of the cloak-room adjoining the dress circle stairs; that such staircase do have solid steps of York or other approved stone, with 11-inch treads, and 6-inch risers, 4 feet wide in the clear; that the steps be supported at both ends, and that the several flights be enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, 9 inches thick; that the landings of such staircase be formed of similar material to that of the steps, and be 4 feet wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls 9 inches thick; that such landings be square upon Plan, and do have arches, 9 inches deep, in two rims, turned under them, or be supported on rolled iron joists, in the middle of such landings; and that such staircase do have a roof of brick or other fire-resisting material, to be approved by the Board.

5.—That the first step of the standing place at the rear of the pit be removed, and the floor made good.

6.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be provided at the sides of the stalls, pit-stalls, and pit, respectively.

7.—That a similar gangway, with steps of an easy rise, be formed at the sides of the gallery, and that the central gangway be continued down to the gallery front.

8.—That a brick wall, 9 inches thick, be built to divide the auditorium from the green-room on the ground floor, and the property-room and wardrobe on the balcony level.

9.—That new staircases of teak, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, be provided to the dressing-rooms on both sides of the house, and that the steps in the box corridor on the East side of the Theatre be removed, and the floor made good.

10.—That the Gas-meters adjoining the green-room, on the stage level, be separated from the Theatre premises by brick walls, or be removed to a suitable position in the basement; and that, in either case, provision be made for the ventilation of the enclosure in which they are placed.

11.—That brick parapet walls, 9 inches thick and 3 feet high, with lead gutters, be built on both sides of the roof over the stage and that portion of the premises abutting upon Arlington-street.

12.—That stout wire guards be fixed to the skylights in the roof.

13.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, of the width of 3 feet 6 inches, and upwards, and on one side of all staircases, steps and landings of less than that width, where not already provided.

14.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner of the Theatre, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and that the Committee do report further to the Board on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That, inasmuch as the Committee have received two Letters from the Secretary of the Royal Academy of Music, in Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, from which it appears that although a License was recently granted to the Academy, without any application on their part,

the Committee of Management intend to reserve the building exclusively for educational uses, to give all public performances of the students in St. James's-hall, and not to let the Concert-room for occupation by strangers, the Requisitions of the Board with reference to the structural defects of the building be not, at present, insisted upon, and that the reference of the matter to the Committee be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Monsieur Bernheim be informed, in reply to his Letter, expressing a hope that the Board will adopt his invention for rendering the scenery, &c., of Theatres fire-resisting, that the Board have no power to enforce the use of his process, but that they have sent a copy of the Report of their Chemical Assistant thereon to the Lord Chamberlain.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in the St. James's Theatre, in King-street, St. James, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878, be approved; and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the proscenium wall be carried up of the full thickness to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built under the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the mezzanine from the orchestra; that not more than two openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide and 6 feet high, be formed in such wall, and that such openings be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the floors of the property-rooms, modelling-room, passages, &c., over the auditorium on the Gridiron level, as well as the floor of the carpenters' shop and its dependencies, and the dwelling-rooms next King-street, at the North-West angle of the Theatre, be protected by wrought-iron plates, one-eighth of an inch thick, screwed to the floor boards.

3.—That a door-way on the Gridiron level, between the stage and the gentlemen's dressing-rooms, be closed with brickwork 14 inches thick.

4.—That the openings between the stage and the ladies' and gentlemen's dressing-rooms be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in wrought-iron frames, and fixed so as to close of themselves.

5.—That separate exits be provided from the ladies' and gentlemen's dressing-rooms, leading directly into Angel-court.

6.—That the cellar, under the stage entrance in Angel-court, be separated from the Theatre premises by a floor constructed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

7.—That a passage-way, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed on each side of the pit.

8.—That the gangway at the rear of the dress circle be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches; or that two gangways, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the dress circle opposite the entrance door-ways.

9.—That gangways, 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of an easy rise, be provided in the centre and at the sides of the gallery.

10.—That a ceiling of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board, be formed over the landing of the gallery staircase in front of the pay-box, on the upper-box level.

11.—That the flush bolts to the gallery doors be removed.

12.—That the handrail to the upper box staircase be removed, and chases formed in the walls of the staircase for the handrail, in order to increase the width of such staircase.

13.—That the handrails to the pass staircases on both sides of the house be properly stayed.

14.—That the steps leading to the private boxes be removed, and an inclined plane substituted.

15.—That the door-way leading into the space under the auditorium be bricked up; or that such space do have a ceiling, formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board, to separate it from the auditorium.

16.—That the wood and canvas jacket to the flue from the sun-burner in the centre of the house, be removed, and a metal jacket substituted.

17.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by strong wire guards.

18.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

19.—That all doors used by the public be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner of the premises, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions; and that the Committee do report further to the Board on the subject.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owners of the structure, No. 1, Trinity-place, Rotherhithe, had failed to comply with the Order made by Robert Henry Bullock Marsham, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Greenwich Police-court, on the 9th day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the defective brickwork, timbers and loose tiles, at No. 1, Trinity-place, Rotherhithe.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure No. 2, Trinity-place, Rotherhithe, had failed to comply with the Order made by Robert Henry Bullock Marsham, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Greenwich Police-court, on the 9th day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the defective brickwork, timbers, and loose tiles, at No. 2, Trinity-place, Rotherhithe.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear

to the Board that the Owner of the structure, No. 4, Trinity-place, Rotherhithe, had failed to comply with the Order made by Robert Henry Bullock Marsham, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Greenwich Police-court, on the 9th day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the defective brickwork, timbers, and loose tiles, at No. 4, Trinity-place, Rotherhithe.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure known as the "Sugar Loaf" Public-house, on the West side of Betts-street, St. George-in-the-East, had failed to comply with the Order made by Robert John Biron, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Thames Police-court, on the 12th day of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the front wall of the structure known as the "Sugar Loaf" Public-house, on the West side of Betts-street, St. George-in-the-East, where the same is bulged and defective; and also all other parts of the building the removal of which may be rendered necessary by the work.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure, No. 93, St. Martin's-lane, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, had failed to comply with the Order made by William Major Cooke, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Marlborough-street Police-court, on the 22nd day of August last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the bulged, cracked, and over-hanging North side wall of the house No. 93, St. Martin's-lane, and any insecure works connected therewith.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That so much of the Report as relates to the course taken by the Superintending Architect, in giving instructions to the Board's Contractors to remove the dangerous chimney-breasts at Nos. 15 and 16, Horace-street, St. Marylebone, be approved.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That the application of Mr. H. Wilkinson, on behalf of Mr. J. Adams-Acton, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a Conservatory on a portion of the forecourt of No. 8, Langford-place, St. John's-wood, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was mobed by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolbed—That the application of Mr. W. H. Grist, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, a temporary iron Church, erected in Rectory-road, Stoke Newington, be granted, for a

period of Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That no further action be taken by the Board with reference to the enclosure with wood of the posts and rails adjoining No. 1, Woodlands-terrace, Woodlands-road, Greenwich, and that the reference to the Committee on the subject be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. Ellis, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses and shops on the East side of Edgware-road, at the corner of Loveridge-road, Hampstead, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that, in other respects, the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Hackney District Board, as to the erection of a gate across the Northern entrance to the extension of Sanford-place, Stoke Newington-common, be approved; that the District Board be informed that it is not the intention of this Board to take any action in the matter; and that the attention of the District Board be called to the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1878, prohibiting a Street, formed for foot traffic, being afterwards used for the purposes of carriage traffic.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Mr. J. S. Quilter, District Surveyor, as to the extension of Deronda-road, Norwood-road, to the Westward of Romola-road, and the erection of houses therein, without the sanction of the Board having previously been obtained thereto, be approved; and that the substance of the Solicitor's Report on the subject be communicated to Mr. Quilter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Fulham District Board, as to the erection of a fence in Dawes-road, at the corner of Hartopp-avenue, within the prescribed distance from the centre of such road, and requesting this Board to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance with the law, be approved; and that the Solicitor be instructed to take proceedings with a view to the removal of the fence in question.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Mr. H. Parsons, District Surveyor, stating that a road, named Kay-road, leading out of Landor-road, Lambeth, had been partly formed, and that several houses were in course of erection therein, without the approval of the Board, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, as to the use of Hoardings for advertising purposes, be approved; and that the Vestry be informed that a note has been made of their suggestions, with a view to legislation at a future time.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the reference to the Committee of the Letter from Mr. J. A. J. Woodward, District Surveyor, as to the erection of certain houses on the East side of South Lambeth-road, be discharged.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Mr. J. Pullen, complaining of the amount of Dangerous Structures fees charged by Mr. Fletcher, District Surveyor, in respect of premises in

Penton-place and Clarence-place, Walworth, be approved; and that Mr. Pullen be informed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. Rowe, Jun., for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a shop, upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 94, Acre-lane, Brixton, to the line shown upon the Plan marked "A" accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. H. A. Hunt, on behalf of Mr. A. Mortimore, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden bay-window and a verandah at the rear of Alnwick House, Berlin-road, Catford Bridge, Lewisham, be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. K. Wilson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of Nos. 101 and 103, Loampit-vale, Lewisham, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. Pattison, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building upon land on the West side of his premises in Pilgrim-street, Lambeth, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855, be granted, for a period of One year from this date, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building, and also on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. H. Lovegrove, on behalf of Mr. R. Horner, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of additions to sheds in Spitalfields Market, Whitechapel, be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. F. J. Eedle, on behalf of Mr. J. H. Billinghurst, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses, with one-storey bay-windows, on the site of Nos. 47 and 49, Kimpton-road, Camberwell, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. F. A. Freshwater, for the consent of the Board to the erection of seven houses, with bay-windows, on the South side of Westmacott-street, and a house, with a bay-window, on the West side of Brisbane-street, Camberwell, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Watson, Sons and Room, on behalf of Mr. C. S. Thurlow, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 21 and 21A, Dalling-road, Hammersmith, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. S. J. Clegg, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 170, New-cross-road, Deptford, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shops from the public way, and shown by Blue colour on the Plan, be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. T. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. E. J. Chant, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses on the North side of George's-road, at the corner of Pack-horse-lane, Islington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. R. Noyes, on behalf of the Birkbeck Building Society, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop on the North side of Scholefield-road, Islington, at the rear of No. 73, Elthorne-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. J. Pike, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a vestibule, and the extension of a bay-window upon a portion of the forecourt of Devonshire-place House, Marylebone-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. T. Bate, on behalf of Mr. H. H. P. Cotton, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a Mews to lead out of West-end-lane, Hampstead, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Rev. J. F. Porter, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, a temporary iron Church erected in Brookfield-road, Homerton, be granted, for a period of Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 16th November, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following District Board and Vestry—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
HACKNEY.				
Church-path, Stoke Newington	450	12-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
HAMPSTEAD.				
Priory-road, and Abbey-lane, Kilburn	255 400	15-inch. 12 „	Pipe. „	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said District Board and Vestry be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 15th November, 1883, stating that, in compliance with the Order of the Board of the 19th ultimo (No. 11), that he should make such arrangements as would lead to immediate attention being called to any defects in the air-gratings connected with the Board's Sewers, he had arranged for six Labourers (at 4s. per day each) to be employed, in addition to the Grating-cleaners already employed, for making a daily inspection of the gratings, and the surface of the road-ways surrounding them, and that those men would have to report at once to the District Clerks of Works any defects which might be discovered, with the view to the same being remedied as soon as possible.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Engineer be approved.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 15th November, 1883, stating that John Spake, Sluice-keeper, who had attended to the Arnold and Dover Sluices, Commercial-road, and to two flushing inlets in Belvedere-road, Lambeth, had died on the 7th instant; recommending that Benton Shead, who attended to the inlets on the Albert Embankment, the Penstock on the Low Level Sewer at Vauxhall-cross, the Penstock near Kennington Church, and the Penstock near the "Elephant and Castle," New Kent-road, should henceforth attend to the Arnold and Dover Sluices and the two inlets above referred to, and further recommending that the following recently-completed Penstocks and Flaps should be attended to by Shead—namely, those at the "Bedford Arms," Clapham, the Storm-outlets at Vauxhall Bridge, and the Flaps or overflows at the "White Horse," Brixton; and that his salary should be £80 per annum, the same as that of the other Sluice-keepers in the district.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Benton Shead be appointed as recommended therein, at a salary of £80 per annum, and during the pleasure of the Board.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 16th November, 1883, stating that, in April last, the Board authorised the employment of Police Constables to watch the Abbey Mills and the Crossness Pumping Stations at night; and recommending that the employment of the Constables at Abbey Mills should be discontinued, and that the services of the Police should be retained, throughout the winter months, for the night watching at Crossness Pumping Station.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 15th November, 1883, on a Letter from the Jablochkoff Electric Light Company, applying for permission to take up the pathway between the first and second lamps at the Blackfriars end of the Victoria Embankment, for the purpose of remedying a failure in the current between the two lamps; recommending that the request be granted, upon condition that the Company do reinstate the path-way to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted on the condition recommended therein.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 16th November, 1883, stating that 300 Leather Valves were required for the Sewage Pumps at the Crossness Pumping Station, at an estimated cost of £55 16s. 8d.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Valves be obtained, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 16th November, 1883, stating that Mr. D. J. McLauchlan, Constructive Draughtsman in his Department, had been absent since the 29th ultimo in consequence of illness ; submitting two Medical Certificates, and recommending, in the event of his continued absence, that his case be again reported at the end of a fortnight.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 15th November, 1883, stating, that on the 9th instant, as the bricklayers in the employ of the Board's Contractor (Mr. Griffiths) were leaving off work in the sewer trench, in the line of the Gray's-inn-road Improvement, a zinc pail (containing tools, &c.) which was being drawn up out of the trench, accidentally became unhooked, and fell upon the head of one of the men ; that he was at once taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, but that he had died on the following day ; and that at the Coroner's Inquest, held on Wednesday last, the Jury had returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

23. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Electric Lighting (No. 1) Confirmation Act, which received the Royal Assent on the 25th August last, and stated that it confirmed, amongst others, two Electric Lighting Orders relating to Chelsea and Greenwich, and he suggested that the Board should refer the Act to the Engineer to see that its provisions, so far as they affect the Board, are carried into effect.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Act be referred to the Engineer, to see that the provisions thereof, in which the Board are concerned, are duly observed.

24. The Solicitor reported that the *Gazette* Notices for the following Bills, to be promoted by the Board next Session, had appeared in certain newspapers this day, and that they would be published in other papers to-morrow—

Various Powers Bill.
Thames Crossings Bill.
Extension of Section 144 of Metropolis Management Act, 1855, Bill.
Fire Brigade Expenses Bill.
District Railway Ventilators Bill.

25. The Solicitor reported that *Gazette* Notices had been published with respect to the undermentioned Bills, which might affect the Board, and he suggested that the Notices should be referred to the Parliamentary Committee, for their information—

Great Western Railway (No. 1.)
London and North-Western Railway.
Tower Duplex Bridge.
West Ham Local Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the suggestion of the Solicitor be acted upon, and that the Notices be referred to the Parliamentary Committee accordingly.

26. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Conveyance by the Trustees of the Marriage Settlement of the Rev. T. Halliwell and his wife, of one-fourth part or share of Nos. 5 to 9 and 11 to 16, inclusive, Tyndall's-buildings, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Gray's-inn-road Improvement).

Conveyance to Mr. B. J. Bridgwater (the purchaser from Mr. F. S. Hobson) of a piece of ground having frontages to Clerkenwell-road and Clerkenwell-green, forming Lot No. 14 at the sale by Auction on the 27th July last (Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement).

Conveyance by Mr. F. H. N. Glossop, and another, and Mortgagees, of Nos. 30 and 31, Greek-street, and Nos. 63, 64 and 65, King-street, Soho, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to New Oxford-street Improvement).

Agreement between the Board and Mr. R. Grace, and others, Trustees of the Whitechapel Charity Estates, for the purchase of an annual rent-charge of 40s. on premises in Boar's-head-yard, Whitechapel (Goulston-street Scheme).

Assignment by the Commissioners of Baths and Wash-houses for Whitechapel of Nos. 34, 36 and 38, Goulston-street, or Goulston-square, Whitechapel, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Goulston-street Scheme).

Deed Poll for vesting in the Board vacant ground in White Hart-place, Poplar, the Fee-simple of which is claimed by Mrs. M. Dangerfield, and others, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Wells-street, Poplar, Scheme).

Deed Poll for vesting in the Board two pieces of vacant land (Copyhold) in White Hart-place, Claremont-place, Poplar, claimed by Mrs. M. Dangerfield, and others (Wells-street, Poplar, Scheme).

Assignment by Mr. H. G. Knaggs, of No. 74, and portions of Nos. 72 and 76, Kentish-town-road, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Kentish-town-road Improvement).

Lease to Mr. J. Gerdes, by the direction of Mr. J. Saunders, of part of Plots Nos. 47 and 48 Bethnal-green-road (Bethnal-green Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

27. The Solicitor suggested that the Board should authorise the Chairman to affix their Common Seal to the undermentioned documents—

Conveyance to Messrs. H. and E. Kelly, of land on the North and South sides of Clerkenwell-road, and forming Lots Nos. 11, 12, 16, 17 and 21, at the sale by Auction on the 27th July last (Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement).

Conveyance to Mr. G. Phillips (the purchaser from Mr. F. S. Hobson), of ground on the South side of Clerkenwell-road, forming Lot No. 6 at the sale by Auction on the 27th July last (Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman be authorised to affix the Seal of the Board to the said documents.

28. The Solicitor reported that, in accordance with the direction of the Works and General Purposes Committee, he had prepared a form of Resolution, to be passed by the Board, for determining their Agreement with Mr. E. Cox, for a Lease to him of Plots Nos. 5 to 8 in the line of the Tooley-street Improvement.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the form of Resolution be adopted, and it was thereupon resolved as follows—

Whereas Edward Cox, of No. 24, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, in the County of Middlesex, having failed to perform and observe the conditions, stipulations and agreements on his part, contained in an Agreement in writing, dated the 28th day of March, 1882, and made between the Metropolitan Board of Works of the one part, and the said Edward Cox of the other part, and particularly the conditions, stipulations and agreements contained in the fourth, fifth and seventh Clauses of the same Agreement, We, the Metropolitan Board of Works, in exercise of the power for this purpose given or reserved to us by the 10th Clause of the same Agreement, do, by this Resolution, under our Common Seal, declare the said Agreement to be void.

The Solicitor laid before the Board three copies of the foregoing Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Resolution; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

29. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 9th instant (No. 12), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Pritchard's-road, &c.	Bethnal-green, Shoreditch and Hackney.
Lombard-street, Mile-end New-town	Whitechapel.
Ada-road, &c.	Camberwell.
Haymerle-road, &c.	,,
Elmington-terrace	,,
Ship-court, &c.	Westminster.
Delamere-street, &c.	Paddington.
Mill-street	St. George, Hanover-square.
Prince Arthur-road	Hampstead.
John-street	Hackney.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

30. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. H. Harvey, dated 10th November, 1883, relative to the question of improved Water supply to the Metropolis, and to the desirability of acquiring the supply of pure spring water from the Basingstoke Valley, which went in a great measure to feed the Canal running from the Town of Basingstoke to the River Wey, near Woking; transmitting copy Reports of Dr. Thudichum and Mr. W. Shelford, C.E., as to the spring Water in the Valley, and copies of two Acts of Parliament of the Basingstoke Canal Company, and stating his willingness to attend and give any further information that might be required.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Harvey be thanked for his communication, and informed that the Board have no control over the supply of Water to the Metropolis.

31. The Clerk presented a Notice from the New River Company, dated 12th November, 1883, of their intention to give a constant supply of Water to a section of the Parish of St. Pancras, as therein described.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

32. The Clerk presented two Letters from Mr. H. Blake, Clerk to the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, dated 12th November, 1883, stating that the Commissioners had ascertained that the cost of the Improvements at Nos. 165, 166 and 167, Fenchurch-street, and at No. 71, Gracechurch-street, was £5,130 and £830 respectively.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subjects to which they relate.

33. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. J. Stokes, Clerk to the Vestry of Rotherhithe, dated 13th November, 1883, referring to a Letter from the Home Secretary as to the expediency of putting into early operation, wherever it might be necessary, the provisions of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Improvement Acts, 1875-82, and giving an extract from the Report of the Medical Officer of Health to the Vestry, with regard to the sanitary condition of the Parish, stating that, unless the Vestry were prepared to advocate a demolition and re-construction of a large amount of

property, they would probably not consider it necessary that the Acts in question should be put in force in the Parish.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for their information.

34. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Duckham, Secretary of the Committee for promoting free vehicular communication between the North and South sides of the Thames, East of London Bridge, dated 13th November, 1883, transmitting copy Resolutions passed by the Committee, expressing their disappointment that the scheme prepared by the Board's Engineer in 1882, for providing three means of crossing the River, had been dropped, and one Tunnel proposed in lieu thereof; and suggesting that, in view of probable opposition to the Tunnel scheme, the proposals of the Board should be placed before Parliament in such a form that the rejection of the Tunnel might not entail the sacrifice of the temporary relief proposed by the provision of Steam-ferries.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for their information.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. E. Hilleary, Clerk to the West Ham Local Board of Health, dated 13th November, 1883, stating that a Mr. Robinson, of Plaistow, proposed to erect a house facing Barking-road, adjacent to the Northern Outfall Sewer embankment, and to appropriate a portion of the embankment; requesting to be informed whether the Board, when purchasing the necessary property to make the embankment, obtained a title to the piece of land in question, and stating that, if so, the Local Board would be happy to act with this Board in taking the best means to prevent the contemplated encroachment.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Solicitor do report to the Committee thereon.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. H. Farnfield, Clerk to the Poplar District Board, dated 14th November, 1883, stating that the District Board were in favour of the suggestion made by the Wandsworth District Board to this Board in March last, relative to the insertion in one of this Board's Parliamentary Bills of certain provisions as to inspection, supervision, and control of House Drains by the Surveyors of Vestries or District Boards, and also a provision that no new house should be occupied until a Certificate had been given by the Surveyor to the Vestry or District Board that the drainage works were satisfactorily completed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Parish of Paddington, Middlesex.

Guardians' Offices, Paddington Workhouse,
Harrow-road. W.,
14th November, 1883.

Sir—Referring to my Letter of the 31st ultimo, I am directed by the Board of Guardians to inform you that, as they learn from your Accountant's Department that the Metropolitan Board of Works will not be able to advance money until after the 1st January next, they think it advisable to apply for a Loan of £18,000, instead of £10,000, such Loan of £18,000 to be taken up on the 9th January next.

I am, therefore, directed to make formal application for a Loan of £18,000, at 3½ per cent. interest, re-payable by Sixty equal half-yearly payments of principal and interest combined.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) HENRY F. AVELING,
Clerk.

To the Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

38. Mr. Robson handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of the Parish of St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell.

Vestry-hall, Clerkenwell, 58, Rosoman-street, E.C.,
November 16th, 1883.

Pear-tree-court and Robert's-place.

Dear Sir,—This Vestry feel the desirability of there being a thoroughfare from Pear-tree-court through Robert's-place into Bowling-green-lane, and on the application from Messrs. Freshfield and Williams, on behalf of the Peabody Trustees, for the consent of the Vestry to their scheme in July last, the Vestry, in giving their consent, suggested the desirability of opening up Robert's-place by the removal of the wall at present, existing. They have, however, subsequently been informed by Messrs. Freshfield and Williams, by Letter dated the 12th ultimo, that the wall in question does not belong to the Peabody Governors, but to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

I am, therefore, directed to bring this matter to your notice, and to express a hope that the Board will see fit to remove the wall in question, and to form the thoroughfare suggested.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT PAGET,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq., Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Robson, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Edwards, Allen, and Kitchins, dated 15th November, 1883, relative to the danger arising from the storage of rags in low and closely-populated districts, and from low and dangerous chimneys at smiths' engineers', and other manufacturing premises in London, and suggesting that, if necessary, the law should be altered.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

40. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Delves, dated 15th November, 1883, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed at a Public Meeting, thanking this Board for their proposal to establish a Steam-ferry between Poplar and Greenwich.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. H. Croad, Clerk to the School Board for London, dated 13th November, 1883, stating that the Letters of this Board on the subject of the proposed acquisition by the School Board of ground in Plumstead-common-road, abutting on Plumstead-common, had been referred to a Committee; that the site would be included in the list to be scheduled by the School Board for next Session; and that, when compulsory power had been obtained, the School Board would communicate with this Board, with a view to making the proposed exchange of land.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

42. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. P. Langdon, Clerk to the Vestry of Bromley, Middlesex, dated 15th November, 1883, referring to the application made to the Board for an increase in the number of representatives of the Parish at the Poplar District Board, and asking the Board to give early attention to the matter, and to grant the request of the Vestry.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

43. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. A. Turner, Clerk to the Whitechapel District Board, dated 16th November, 1883, stating that repeated complaints had been made to the Board of a serious nuisance arising from a Main line of Sewer, known as the Great Garden Sewer Main line, which passed from Mile-end New-town into Whitechapel-road; that the nuisance had long been known to arise from the premises of Messrs. Link, Sausage-skin and Cat-gut manufacturers; that within the last few days there had been a serious recurrence of the nuisance; and that, upon inspection of the Sewer, it had been found to contain a great quantity of the entrails of animals, in an advanced state of decomposition, which had been traced to come from premises in Weaver-street, Bethnal-green, in the occupation of Messrs. Link, and asking the Board to at once take effectual measures for preventing the recurrence of the nuisance.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

44. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 13th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·3	16·6	17·0	7·7	6·0	7·1	0·1	0·0	0·0	None.
	Camden ..	17·0	16·5	16·7	10·5	8·7	9·3	0·3	0·2	0·3	„
	Dalston ..	17·3	16·7	17·1	13·9	12·0	13·0	0·3	0·0	0·1	„
	Bow	17·2	16·6	16·9	20·3	9·6	13·8	0·9	0·7	0·8	„
	Chelsea	17·0	16·1	16·7	11·9	10·7	11·3	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·2	16·9	17·1	23·1	10·7	15·8	0·3	0·2	0·2	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)..	22·1	20·2	21·3	9·7	7·8	8·5	0·2	0·0	0·1	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	16·8	16·3	16·6	11·0	11·0	11·0	0·2	0·2	0·2	
	Tooley-street ..	16·3	16·0	16·2	11·0	9·1	9·8	0·2	0·0	0·1	„
	Clapham ..	16·7	16·1	16·4	15·7	12·3	14·1	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham ..	16·9	16·2	16·6	16·3	8·5	12·1	0·8	0·6	0·7	„
Commercial Gas Company..	Old Ford ..	17·6	17·0	17·2	7·5	6·1	6·8	0·3	0·2	0·3	„
	St. George-in-the-East ..	16.6	16·0	16·4	13·8	6·2	9·7	0·2	0·1	0·2	„

45. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Evens, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 6 to 11, Derwent-villas, Grove-vale, Champion-hill, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that, in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not, at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

46. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Young, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a bay-window, on the East side of Pembridge-crescent, Bayswater, at the rear of No. 23, Chepstow-villas, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Freeman, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

47. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Rowe, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, with shops, on the East side of Clapham-road, to the North and South of Mayflower-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

48. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Beale, on behalf of the Birkbeck Building Society, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of Chisholme House, No. 15, London-road, Forest-hill, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue on the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

49. Newington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Lansdown and Harris, on behalf of Messrs. Jerman and Greaves, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a bay-window, and a house, with a shop, upon the sites of Nos. 39 and 41, Dean's-buildings, and No. 16, Flint-street, Walworth, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shop, from the public way, be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

50. Plumstead—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Rowland, on behalf of Sir S. M. M. Wilson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of bay-windows, three storeys in height, to two houses at Little Heath, on the East side of Charlton-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

51. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Rowland, on behalf of Sir. S. M. M. Wilson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey bay-windows upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 2 to 7, 9 to 14, 16 to 18 and 21 to 24, Charlton-terrace, Greenwich and Woolwich Lower-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

52. St. Marylebone. — Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. Jennings, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of a bay-window on the South side of No. 19A, Bryanston-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

53. St. Luke, Old-street.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Christian, on behalf of Mr. G. Ell, for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Windsor-terrace, City-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

54. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. N. Dunn, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to three pairs of semi-detached villas in Eardley-road, Streatham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

55. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Lafargue and Sexton, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron addition to No. 3, Hanover-park, Peckham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

56. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. C. Humphreys, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building at Blackheath-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

57. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. C. Humphreys, on behalf of Mr. Nordenfeld, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron building at the rear of No. 8, Leinster-terrace, Hyde-park.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

58. St. Giles-in-the-Fields.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. White, on behalf of the Edison Electric Light Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron smoke-flue at the rear of No. 204, High Holborn.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the same shall be considered.

59. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Parker, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, the temporary iron building erected at No. 37, Grove-road, St. John's-wood.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a further period of One year from this date, upon condition that the owner

do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

60. WHITECHAPEL.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Bamford, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at the rear of Nos. 30 and 31, Chicksand-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

61. CAMBERWELL.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. H. Jarvis, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of seven houses at the rear of Nos. 10 to 14, Rosemary-road, Peckham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

62. LAMBETH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 15th November 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Cole, on behalf of Lord Graves and Mr. H. Akerman, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the extension of the formation of Carson-road, West Dulwich.

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, seconded, and resolved—That the application referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

63. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 15th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Stanbury, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of the North side of East-hill, and of the name "Elmsleigh-road, S.W.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

64. ST. GEORGE, HANOVER-SQUARE.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 15th November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. Peacock, requesting the Board to re-consider his application for theirapproval of a Plan for the construction of the footings of a wall at the Parish Institute, in Little Grosvenor-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

65. BERMONDSEY.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 15th November, 1883, on the amended application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. Henry Hart, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the construction of the Star Music-hall, in Abbey-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

66. ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 15th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Perry and Reed, for a Certificate by the Board, as required by the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878, with reference to the re-construction of the Alhambra Theatre, in Leicester-square.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded by Mr. Fowler—That the application be granted.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

The Superintending Architect then laid before the Board a Certificate, prepared in accordance with the Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Certificate; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

67. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, a License in respect of a temporary iron building to be erected in Queen's-road, Battersea, at the corner of Stanley-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

68. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 15th November, 1883, stating that Mr. W. E. Hudson, Assistant in the Building Act Branch of the Department, was still unable to attend the Office, in consequence of illness, and that, should Mr. Hudson not return within a fortnight, the matter would be again reported to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 23rd instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 15.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **23rd** day of **November**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.	Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.	William Urquhart, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	Robert Furniss, Esq.	John Jones, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	William Halford Fell, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	William Robson, Esq.
Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	Robert Cox, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.	George Brown, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.	John Abbott, Esq.	Robert Jones, Esq.
John Robert Jolly, Esq.	Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.		James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
		Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 16th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. Mr. Ingoldby handed in a Letter, as follows—

Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex,
Vestry Clerk's Office,
Vestry Hall, City-road, E.C.,
16th November, 1883.

Dear Sir,—Enclosed herewith I send you tracing showing the new street formed by the Board in connection with their Whitecross-street (Improvement) Scheme, under the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Acts, in the line of Chequer-alley, the projection into the Alley immediately adjoining the new street of the premises of the London School Board, and the portion of the Alley opening upon Bunhill-row, some time since widened by the Vestry.

The Vestry desire me to state that they understand the School Board are contemplating the re-construction of the Hope Schools, marked on the Plan, and to suggest to the Board the

desirability of availing themselves of the opportunity to continue the new street before-mentioned in the direction of Bunhill-row, to the extent indicated by the Red tint upon the Plan.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) G. W. PRESTON,
Vestry Clerk.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

3. Mr. Ingoldby handed in a Letter, as follows—

Parish of St. Luke Middlesex,

Vestry Clerk's Office, Vestry Hall, City-road, E.C.,
22nd November, 1883.

WATER CHARGES.

SIR,—I am directed by the Vestry to state, for the information of the Metropolitan Board of Works, that they have recently had under consideration a communication from the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, upon this subject, and have come to a Resolution agreeing with the recently expressed opinion of the St. George's Vestry, that a Parliamentary Committee should be appointed to enquire into the operations of the Water Assessment Act."

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) G. W. PRESTON,
Vestry Clerk.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be received.

4. Mr. Munro handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of the Hamlet of Mile-end, Old-town,

Vestry Hall, Bancroft-road, Mile-end-road, E.,
22nd November, 1883.

THAMES COMMUNICATION.

DEAR SIR,—Annexed I beg to forward copies of Resolutions which were last night unanimously adopted by this Vestry, on a recommendation from the Committee of the whole Board, which had met and given most careful consideration to the subject.

Will you be good enough to bring this matter before the Metropolitan Board of Works at the earliest opportunity?

I am, &c.,
(Signed) MILLNER JUTSUM,
Clerk to the Vestry.

To the Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works.

"That, in the opinion of this Vestry, the Tunnel from Nightingale-lane to Dockhead, as "proposed by the Metropolitan Board of Works, is in no way calculated to meet the requirements "of intercommunication between the North and South of London, East of London Bridge, as an "initial undertaking; that the position of the proposed Tunnel is too near to London Bridge; "that the proposed gradients are too steep, and the approaches too narrow, and furthermore "that the proposed Tunnel is opposed to the recommendations of the Engineer of the "Metropolitan Board of Works, which were adopted by that Board."

"That the Metropolitan Board of Works be urged to take steps to enable them to proceed "with the Shadwell Scheme, as recommended by their Engineer, as one which would be most "calculated to meet the requirements of the Districts East of London Bridge, in the absence "of a Bridge at Shadwell, or other convenient spot."

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to send a reply thereto.

5. The Clerk laid before the Board a Letter, as follows—

St. Giles District Board of Works,

197, High Holborn, W.C.,
November 13th, 1883.

COAL AND WINE DUTIES.

SIR,—At a Meeting of this Board held to-day, George Arthur Rooks, Esquire, in the Chair, the correspondence between Her Majesty's Treasury and your Honourable Board on the subject of the Coal and Wine Duties, and your Board's financial policy, was read, and the following Resolution passed—

RESOLVED, on the motion of Mr. Perryman, seconded by Mr. Wingate—"That this "Board highly approves the terms of the reply addressed by the Metropolitan "Board of Works to Her Majesty's Treasury on the subject of the Coal and Wine "Duties, and that Board's financial policy."

"That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Metropolitan Board of Works."

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) J. HENRY JONES,
Clerk to the Board.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

6. The Clerk laid before the Board a Letter, as follows—

Saint Giles District Board of Works,
197, High Holborn, W.C.,
22nd November, 1883.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT BOARD OF WORKS.

SIR,—This Board has had under consideration a copy of Memorial addressed to your Honourable Board (forwarded by the Lewisham District Board of Works) asking it to take an early opportunity to apply to Parliament to authorise such an alteration or increase in the representation of the several Parishes and Districts at your Board as their altered circumstances require, and especially such as shall provide for the Lewisham District being represented by a separate Member. And I am directed to inform you that this Board approves the prayer of the Memorial, and trusts your Honourable Board will carry the same into effect.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) J. HENRY JONES,
Clerk to the Board.

The Clerk,
The Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

7. Mr. Tolhurst handed in a Letter, as follows—

The Board of Works for the St. Olave District, Southwark,
86, Queen Elizabeth-street,
St. John, Southwark, S.E.,
22nd November, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—Your Letter (No. 4,226) of the 7th instant was submitted to this Board on the 20th instant, when the following Resolution was passed—

"That this Board considers the reply of the Metropolitan Board of Works, with "reference to the recent fire at Butler's Wharf, unsatisfactory, and requests that "a further investigation may be made into the circumstances attending it."

From the statements which have been made, this Board thinks that the Metropolitan Board must have been misinformed, both as to the circumstances attending this particular fire and also the description of the locality.

On this latter subject you say, "That there may be a few parts of London where larger Engines might occasionally be used, but that Bermondsey is not one of them." I do not desire

to express any opinion as to the requirements of Bermondsey, but I think any one who is acquainted with this District will say it is one where the most powerful Engines may be needed. The largest Wharves in the Metropolis are within this district, many of them exceed 70 feet in height, and several occupy two acres or more of ground. In addition to the large business properties, there are two sets of Artizans' Dwellings, each consisting of six floors. If your Board is reminded that it was in this district that the great fire of 1862 took place, and that the Wharves are now larger and loftier than they were then, it may possibly agree with this Board that the district should be provided with Engines as powerful as any in the Metropolis.

With regard to the other subjects alluded to in your Letter, the information given to your Board must have been so very different from the statements made to this Board, that I venture to think the truth could be better elicited by an enquiry on the spot.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) EDRIC BAYLEY,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration and report.

8. Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 20th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 3rd November, 1883		£432,844 – 10	
Receipts since that date, as per Statement presented this day		261,239 6 11	
			£694,083 7 9
Payments since 3rd November, 1883			69,898 16 0
Balance on 17th November, 1883 { viz : Cash Balance at Bank ...		£627,496 11 10	
Less Cheques not presented		3,312 – 1	
			£624,184 11 9

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance on 3rd November, 1883		£933 14 3	
Receipts since that date		5,213 19 10	
			£6,147 14 1
Payments since 3rd November, 1883			4,996 12 –
Balance on 17th November, 1883 { viz : Cash Balance at Bank ...		£1,233 1 7	
Less Cheques not presented		81 19 6	
			1,151 2 1
Total Cash Balances on 17th November, 1883			**£625,335 13 10**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 3rd November, 1883.*		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 17th November, 1883.*		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
Working Accounts—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General	...	38,338 9 11	466 6 7	4,298 17 3	...	34,505 19 3	25 11 3
Fire Brigade ...	26,247 1 2	...	153 11 1	4,194 2 9	30,287 12 10	...	35 5 –
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	1,126,411 17 8	253,464 6 11	186 6 –	...	1,379,689 18 7	940 1 –
Fire Brigade ...	36,059 11 1	...	...	1,677 2 7	37,736 13 8	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	105,222 10 10	...	9 9 –	2,898 19 3	108,112 1 1	...	2,600 13 6
Parks and Open Spaces	4,150 18 7	...	...	6 6 –	4,157 4 7	...	...
Albert Embankment	76 18 6	...	...	...	76 18 6	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	1,258 2 6	...	...	...	1,258 2 6	...	...
Queen Victoria Street	...	...	...	200 – –	200 – –	...	...
Streets (*Act of* 1872)	572 16 11	...	...	119 – –	691 16 11	...	...
Appold Street ...	174 19 6	...	...	...	174 19 6	...	...
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	417,557 1 7	...	...	20,852 13 11	438,409 15 6	...	10,947 15 9
Tooley Street Extension (*Act of* 1882)	19,208 18 3	...	...	11,923 9 –	31,132 7 3	...	1,891 10 4
Thames Floods Prevention	5,924 11 6	...	...	54 16 9	5,979 8 3	...	...
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	79,317 9 4	...	...	15,344 2 9	94,661 12 1	...	4,560 18 2
Bridges (*Act of* 1883)	...	...	...	17 2 –	17 2 –	...	...
Miscellaneous—							
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)	...	24,680 9 2	8 17 6	196 4 3	...	24,493 2 5	...
Dwelling House Improvement Fund ...	15,308 9 4	...	...	3,459 7 1	18,338 19 5	...	7,678 1 2
Consolidated Loans Fund	45,548 15 10	...	6,707 18 10	4,454 12 5	43,295 9 5	...	46 – 6
Firemen's Savings Fund	...	41 9 –	428 17 –	15 14 –	...	25 15 –	...
	756,628 4 11	1,189,472 5 9	261,239 6 11	69,898 16 –	814,530 3 6	1,438,714 15 3	28,725 16 8
	£432,844 – 10				£624,184 11 9		

INVESTMENTS.

FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND ... ... £3,620 8 5 ... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED from the 5th to 17th November, 1883—

	£ s d	£ s. d.
GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Fees—		
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act) ... ... £5 5 –		
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act) 299 18 8		
„ Gas-meter testing ... ... 26 – –		
„ Petroleum licenses ... ... 22 15 –		
„ Explosives Act ... ... 4 4 –		
	358 2 8	
Costs recovered—		
Re Loans £19 1 6		
„ Leases 21 12 6		
„ Bye-laws ... ... – 4 –		
	40 18 –	
Proceeds of sales of carcases—		
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act	5 9 1	
Refund of cost of repairing roads and paths over trenches opened in Finsbury-park—		
Gas Light and Coke Co. £58 10 10		
New River Co. ... ... 1 – –		
	59 10 10	
Plans, &c., sold	2 6 –	
		466 6 7
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Contributions from men towards rent	102 12 6	
Chimney-fire penalties	17 2 –	
Attendance at ex-metropolitan fires	33 16 7	
		153 11 1
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
Further amounts, *re* loan of £1,250,000		253,464 6 11
MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
Refund of cost of repairing water-main in Guilford-street, Russell-square...		9 9 –
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).		
Rent		8 17 6
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Rent	23 17 –	
Sale (Goulston-street)	400 – –	
Return of unclaimed wages	5 – –	
		428 17 –
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
Rent	5,266 8 4	
Loans—		
Interest £793 16 4		
Repayment 502 2 7		
	1,295 18 11	
Sale of old materials (Piccadilly)	41 – –	
Rent (deposits)—		
Piccadilly ... ... £67 – –		
Gray's-inn-road ... ... 4 5 –		
	71 5 –	
Proportion of rates—		
Piccadilly...	33 6 7	
		6,707 18 10
		£261,239 6 11

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £27,744 8s., be paid.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures, and for expenses of Shoring and Hoarding, and they recommend—

That the necessary Orders be made with respect to the same.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 6th July, 1883 (No. 8), your Committee have had before them a Statement of the Salaries which will become payable to the Board's Officers on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £2,613 10s., which Statement has been approved by your Committee, and they beg to submit the same, and to recommend—

That the Board do pass an Order authorising the Treasurer to pay the several amounts on or before the 24th instant.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Woolwich Local Board, for payment of this Board's contribution towards the Improvement at Chapel-street; referred by the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 43). On the 20th June last (No. 8) this Board agreed to contribute one-half of the cost, not exceeding £153, of the Improvement, on the usual Certificates of their Officers. The necessary Certificates of the completion of the works, at a cost of £300, having been submitted to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £150, in favour of the Woolwich Local Board.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for an advance of £7,000 for new granite-paving works, referred by the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 46). The District Board propose to pave with granite setts, 7 inches by 4 inches, laid on Portland cement concrete foundations, 6 inches in thickness, the margins of the carriage-way in Wandsworth-road, Clapham, between the boundary of the Parish at Lambeth and Battersea respectively, and of a portion of High-street, Clapham. The total area to be paved is estimated at 9,642 superficial yards, and the cost at £7,022 19s. Your Engineer having examined the Estimate reports it to be fair and reasonable, and Mr. Meaden, the representative of the District Board, having explained to your Committee the necessity for the work, they recommend—

That the application of the Wandsworth District Board for permission to borrow £7,000 for new granite-paving works be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st January, April, July, and October, in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October, within 20 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee also recommend—

That the undermentioned Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled—

Main Drainage and Main Sewers.

No. 1010.	1883. August 10th.	Levy, H.	... £223	0 0
1011.	„ „	Edwards, F.	... 9	9 0

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4917.	1883. August 10th.	Palmer, P., and Gregory, H.	... 2,349	0 0
„ 4918.	„ „	Phillips, J. and J. ...	... 11	15 0
„ 4932.	„ „	Thomas, R. G	... 437	6 8
„ 4933.	„ „	Treherne, G. G. T. ...	... 218	13 4
„ 4946.	„ „	Davis, Mrs. J. M. ...	... 185	0 0
„ 4955.	„ „	Cumming, J.	... 205	0 0

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
DONALD MUNRO,
JNO. ABBOTT,
G. P. MEADEN.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
YATES, W. AND J.—(2563)—			
2995	Final payment in respect of contract for supplying new boilers to Crossness pumping-station, (No. 619)	837 7 1	
NORRIS, S. E., AND Co.—(2502)—			
2996	Leather valves, suction-hose, &c., for pumping-stations, quarter to 30th September, 1883	43 13 5	
CORY, W., AND SON—(2512)—			
2997	Coals, quarter to 30th September, 1883—		
	Crossness pumping-station £525 11 1		
	Southwark-park ... ... - 18 -		
		526 9 1	
VEITCH, J., AND SONS—(2449)—			
2998	Plants for Finsbury-park, March, 1883	5 1 6	
HOBMAN, A. T., AND SON—(2443)—			
2999	Carting-work, Southwark-park, August and September, 1883 ...	21 - -	
CHURCH, J.—(2447)—			
3000	Carting-work, Hackney-downs, October, 1883	9 - -	
BLACKMORE, T.—(2448)—			
3001	Carting-work, Clapham-common, July and August, 1883 ...	5 10 -	
WOODCOCK, W.—(2441)—			
3002	Watering trees, Hackney-commons, August and September, 1883 ...	3 - -	
BASSETT, H.—(2446)—			
3003	Food for water-fowl at Finsbury-park, June to September, 1883 ...	12 - 6	
CHUCK, LOCKETT AND Co.—(2439)—			
3004	Glass for repairs, &c., Southwark-park, October, 1883	2 17 1	
HOWES, T., AND SON—(2440)—			
3005	Spent-hops for Finsbury-park, March, 1883 ... ... £1 - -		
	Stakes for Victoria Embankment-gardens, May and August, 1883 ... ... 6 16 -		
		7 16 -	
CATTERMOLE, D.—(2442)—			
3006	Repairing and sharpening garden-tools, Finsbury-park, March to October, 1883	11 15 -	
GRIFFIN, J. J., AND SONS—(2438)—			
3007	Muffle-furnace, &c., for chemical department, September and October, 1883	3 18 2	
HOW, J., AND Co.—(2450)—			
3008	Crucibles, retorts, measures, &c., for petroleum-testing, September and October, 1883	8 5 3	
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(2509)—			
3009	Shoring, hoarding &c., dangerous structures	51 9 4	
DISTRICT SURVEYORS—(2510)—			
	Fees, *re* dangerous structures—		
3010	Blashill, T, ... £6 2 6		
3011	Carritt, E. 9 16 3		
3012	Clarkson, J. 3 12 6		
3013	Drury, E. D. ... ... 4 10 -		
3014	Fletcher, B. 4 7 6		
3015	Foulsham, C. 3 12 6		
3016	Grose, V. J. 10 17 6		
3017	Hayward, C. F. 11 12 6		
3018	Hewitt, E. R. 3 3 9		
3019	Jarvis, H.... ... ... 2 12 6		
	Carried forward £60 7 6	1,549 2 5	...

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward				1,549	2	5
	DISTRICT SURVEYORS—Fees, &c. (*continued*)	£60	7	6			
3020	Jennings, J.	2	15	6			
3021	Kerr, R.	7	7	6			
3022	McDonell, G.	3	–	–			
3023	Notley, R. P.	3	15	–			
3024	Parsons, H.	4	2	6			
3025	Redman, J. B.	5	2	6			
3026	Wallen, F.	23	10	–			
3027	Williams, T.	2	10	–			
3028	Wood, S.	2	12	6			
3029	Woodthorpe, E.	2	15	–			
3030	Woodward, J. A. J.	8	7	6			
					126	5	–
	STANFORD, E.—(2503)—						
3031	Maps, July to September, 1883				21	3	–
	HALLING, PEARCE AND STONE—(2445)—						
3032	Carpets, rugs, &c., for offices, Spring-gardens, July to September, 1883				37	6	6
	STEEL AND JONES—(2511)—						
3033	Newspapers, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883				18	9	8
	PROVIDENT CLERKS AND GENERAL GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED—(2504)—						
3034	One-year's premium for guarantee of Mr. H. B. B. Sly, due 30th November, 1883				7	10	–
	SANSOM, S.—(2554)—						
3035	Costs ordered by magistrate to be paid in respect of Building Act case				2	2	–
	KENNEDY, T.—(2496)—						
3036	One month's retiring allowance, due 26th November, 1883 ...				8	17	9
	WATER for premises occupied by the Board—(2550)—						
3037	Chelsea Waterworks Co.	£13	7	-			
3038	Lambeth Waterworks Co....	22	13	9			
3039	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co.	5	12	6			
3040	Kent Waterworks Co.	76	2	6			
					117	15	9
							1,888 12 1

FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.

	ABBOTT AND CO.—(2498)—						
1063	Fitting boiler to engine, October, 1883				13	–	–
	BRAY, G.—(2492)—						
1064	Repairs to wheels of engines, hose-vans, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883				365	7	5
	PONTIFEX AND WOOD—(2499)—						
1065	Repairs to pressure gauges, nozzles, &c., July to September, 1883 ...				19	10	7
	FRASER AND FRASER—(2494)—						
1066	Repairs to steam-tugs, August and September, 1883				16	16	7
	MCGREGOR AND CO.—(2500)—						
1067	India rubber-lined-hose, June to October, 1883				830	–	–
	STIMPSON AND CO.—(2478)—						
1068	Repairs at Notting-hill station, March, 1883				11	-	–
	WINGFIELD, S., AND SONS—(2485)—						
1069	Harness and repairs, July to September, 1883				13	3	11
	SANDELL, J.—(2483)—						
1070	Timber for use at workshops, July to September, 1883				26	17	9
	BRITTEN AND GILSON—(2488)—						
1071	Window-glass for repairs, &c., July to September, 1883				2	8	5
	MOORE A.—(2489)—						
1072	Iron lantern for escape-standing, and glasses for lamps, April, 1883				8	2	6
	Carried forward				£1,306	7	2
							1,888 12 1

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	1,306	7	2	1,888	12	1
Elliott, J. J., and Co.—(2486)—							
1073	Clocks and repairs, July to September, 1883	18	8	6			
White, T. E., and Co.—(2481)—							
1074	Bedding and repairs, July to September, 1883	30	16	–			
Anderson, Abbott and Anderson—(2490)—							
1075	Waterproof coats, September and October, 1883	8	8	6			
Smith, J. K.—(2482)—							
1076	Boots for firemen, September, 1883	65	8	–			
Medical Officers—(2491)—							
	Allowance for services, quarter to 30th September, 1883—						
1077	Propert, J. L. ... ... £65 10 –						
1078	Taylor, A. A. ... ... 36 10 –						
1079	Fowler, R. ... ... 33 – –						
1080	Sangster, C. 61 5 10						
		196	5	10			
					1,625	14	–
	GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.						
Bank of England—(2553)—							
3041	Stamping scrip, and postage and receipt stamps, *re* Loan of 1883...				9	2	7
	FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.						
Reading, C. W.—(2476)—							
1081	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Great Scotland-yard, Charing-cross (No. 588)	600	–	–			
Stimpson and Co.—(2477)—							
1082	Further on account of contract for enlarging head-quarters station (No. 627)	1,500	–	–			
Shand, Mason and Co.—(2487)—							
1083	New manual engine, October, 1883	70	–	–			
					2,170	–	–
	MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.						
Waddell, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—(2559)—							
1025	Further on account of contract for construction of sewers in Clapham Battersea, Putney, &c. (No. 614)				3,652	4	–
	STREETS (ACT OF 1877).						
Surveyors' Institution—(2549)—							
6594	Hire of rooms for arbitration, *re* Labouring Classes Society (Piccadilly), November, 1883	3	3	–			
Lucas, H.—(2551)—							
6595	Expenses in connection with arbitration, *re* Labouring Classes Society (Piccadilly), November, 1883	2	3	–			
					5	6	–
	BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).						
Cooke, B., and Co.—(2560)—							
536	Further on account of contract for works to Wandsworth Bridge (No. 543)	212	15	–			
Webster, W.—(2561)—							
537	Further on account of contract for works to piers of Waterloo-bridge (No. 587)	5,564	15	–			
Pensions of former officers and toll-collectors of Bridge Companies—(2557)—							
	Half-year to 24th November, 1883—						
538	Nettlefold, T. £17 9 2						
539	Micklefield, J. W. ... ... 10 – 9						
540	Irwin, J. 9 6 10						
541	Sims, B. C. 15 9 8						
542	Curtis, L. S. 10 7 4						
	Carried forward ... £62 13 9	5,777	10	–	9,350	18	8

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	5,777 10 –	9,350 18 8
PENSIONS (*continued*)	£62 13 9		
543 Browning, J. J.	10 7 4		
544 Barnes, C.	8 3 –		
545 Wilds, Captain E., R.N.	64 18 8		
546 Cracknell, W.	23 12 9		
547 Cracknell, J.	22 2 8		
548 Polley, D.	17 8 1		
549 Skipper, J.	12 10 –		
		221 16 3	
			5,999 6 3
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1881).			
WADDELL, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—(2562)—			
550 Further on account of contract for construction of new bridge at Putney (No. 597.)			2,070 – –
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.			
WILLIAMS, SON AND WALLINGTON—(2552)—			
1302 Balance of bill for general jobbing works, Area B, quarter to 30th June, 1883—			
General Working Account		677 14 –	
Thames Floods Prevention		34 16 3	
			712 10 3
GREEN, J.—(2548 and 2480)—			
1303 Oils, colors, soap, tallow, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883—			
General Working Account		283 11 6	
Fire Brigade Working Account		535 5 10	
			818 17 4
GOOD, W., AND SON—(2501 and 2493)—			
1304 *General Working Account*—			
Rope, packing, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883 ...		98 18 4	
Fire Brigade Working Account—			
Fenders for floats, &c., August and September, 1883		18 15 –	
			117 13 4
NASH, W.—(2513 and 2484)—			
1305 Brooms, brushes, matting, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883—			
General Working Account		27 18 6	
Fire Brigade Working Account		79 9 10	
			107 8 4
MERRYWEATHER AND SONS—(2479)—			
1306 *Fire Brigade Working Account*—			
Repairs to engines, quarter to 30th September, 1883 ...		19 19 5	
Fire Brigade Capital Account—			
New steam-engine, September, 1883		432 – –	
			451 19 5
STREET BROTHERS—(2506)—			
1307 Advertisements, July, 1883—			
General Working Account		25 7 8	
General Capital Account		123 1 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)		12 14 –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund		46 4 –	
			207 7 2
WOOD, J., AND HARRIS, J.—(2558)—			
1308 Commission on weekly rents collected by them during October, 1883—			
Consolidated Loans Fund		30 5 6	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund		– 11 2	
			30 16 8
PHILLIPS, J. AND J.—(2555)—			
1309 Fair-copying, stamps, &c., August, 1883—			
General Working Account		189 18 1	
Fire Brigade Working Account		2 8 –	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers		4 – 4	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)		78 2 2	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund		9 10 –	
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)		– 9 4	
			284 7 11
Carried forward			£20,151

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward		20,151 5 4
BANK OF ENGLAND—(2556)—			
1310	*General Working Account*—		
	Half-year's interest on balance of loan of £60,000 (less tax) due 1st December, 1883	572 16 3	
	Consolidated Loans Fund—		
	Eighteenth instalment in repayment	2,000 – –	
			2,572 16 3
TRANSFER TO WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—(2497)—			
	Repayment of advances—		
1311	Petty disbursements, 29th October to 10th November, 1883—		
	a General Working Account £104 7 6		
	b Fire Brigade Working Account ... £– 11 2		
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... 1 5 9		
	1 16 11		
	c Thames Floods Prevention 6 1 11		
	d Bridges (*Act of* 1881) 2 4 10		
	£114 11 2		
	Weekly pensions, to 10th November, 1883—		
	e Fire Brigade Working Account 16 13 4		
	Ground-rent in respect of Wormwood Scrubs—		
	f General Working Account ... ... – 2 6		
	Retainer to Counsel, *re* Cook (sweeping mud into sewers)—		
	g General Working Account 1 3 6		
	Cost of production of deeds, *re* Holker (Kentish-town-road)—		
	h Streets (*Act of* 1877) ... ... 1 1 –		
	Premiums of insurance for properties taken (Piccadilly, &c.)—		
	i Consolidated Loans Fund 5 16		
	Printing proceedings, *re* Greedus (Piccadilly, &c.)—		
	j Streets (*Act of* 1877) ... ... – 14 –		
	Amount withdrawn—		
	k Firemen's Savings Fund 9 18 1		
	Expenses of Committees on view—		
	l General Working Account ... £9 12 –		
	Bridges (*Act of* 1881) ... ... 3 12 –		
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund 5 8 –		
	18 12 –		
	Compensation to weekly tenants on removal—		
	m Streets (*Act of* 1877) ... ... 2 – –		
	£170 11 10		
	Postages, 29th October to 10th November, 1883—		
	n General Working Account ... ... 35 – –		
		205 11 10	
	Amount paid to Gas Light and Coke Company for coals supplied on emergency at fire at Haggerston—		
	o Fire Brigade Working Account £48 5 4		
	Travelling and other expenses of Clerk of Works to Derby and Ripley, *re* ironwork, Deptford-creek-bridge—		
	p Bridges (*Act of* 1881) 4 9 5		
		52 14 9	
	Weekly wages, two weeks to 14th November, 1883—		
	q General Working Account £1,717 5 7		
	Fire Brigade Working Account 3 7 9		
	General Capital Account ... ... 6 6 –		
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... ... 31 – –		
	Carried forward £1,757 19 4	258 6 7	22,724 1 7

			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward			...	22,724 1 7
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*)	£1,757 19 4	258 6 7		
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	123 17 –			
Parks and Open Spaces	6 6 –			
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	61 4 8			
Thames Floods Prevention	38 1 10			
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)...	28 1 –			
Bridges (*Act of* 1883)...	8 8 –			
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)...	22 4 –			
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	54 9 6			
Consolidated Loans Fund	20 8 –			
		2,120 19 4		
Firemen's wages, two weeks to 17th November, 1883—				
r Fire Brigade Working Account		2,009 6 1		
		£4,388 12 –		
Amounts to be paid through the Account—				
Bills, &c., for sums under £2—				
s General Working Account—				
Repairs to garden-tools—				
Samuel, J.	£1 11 2			
Shinkfield, J....	– 7 1			
Booker, J.	– 15 8			
Bowker and King—Disinfectant for Southwark-park ...	1 – –			
Cartage of gas-meters—				
Stow, T.	1 13 –			
Paxman, E. J.	– 18 –			
Livett and Co.—Turps, &c., for gas-meter testing-house ...	– 9 4			
Soper, J.—Repairs to office-blinds	– 19 4			
Cox, W.—Glassware for office use...	1 5 6			
Swift and Co.—Presto-copying-machine	1 – –			
Clutton, J.—Rent of land at Blackheath	– 10 –			
Greenwood, J. and J.—Hoarding, *re* dangerous structures ...	1 5 –			
District Surveyors' Fees, *re* dangerous structures	11 17 6			
		23 11 7		
t Fire Brigade Working Account—				
Dewrance, J.—Repairs to pressure-gauge	£– 8 6			
Hazeldines—Keys for movable station	– 4 –			
Oxlee, D.—Repairs to chairs ...	1 13 –			
Howitt, R. T.—Charcoal	1 –			
Steel and Jones—Local directories	– 11 9			
		3 17 3		
u Thames Floods Prevention—				
Forrestt and Son—Hire of boat, &c.		1 4 –		
Rates and taxes for premises occupied by the Board, or taken for improvements—				
v General Working Account	264 7 3			
w Fire Brigade Working Account...	334 14 3			
x Consolidated Loans Fund	4 – 1			
		631 14 5		
				5,020 6 5
				£27,744 8 –

Certified
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(*signed*) HENRY HARBEN,
G. P. MEADEN,
CHAS. HARRIS,
THOS. J. WHITE,
DONALD MUNRO,
C. B. RICHARDSON.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £27,744 8s., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, as specified in the Four series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to D inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting, by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Blashill, T.	9	6 2 6	...	...	6 2 6
2	Carritt, E.	9	9 16 3	...	...	9 16 3
3	Clarkson, J.	1	3 – –	1	– 12 6	3 12 6
4	Drury, E. D.	4	4 10 –	...	...	4 10 –
5	Fletcher, B.	4	4 7 6	...	...	4 7 6
6	Foulsham, C.	3	3 12 6	...	...	3 12 6
7	Grose, V. J.	9	10 17 6	...	...	10 17 6
8	Gundry, H.	1	1 10 –	...	...	1 10 –
9	Hammond, F.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
10	Hayward, C. F.	6	11 12 6	...	...	11 12 6
11	Hewitt, E. R.	4	2 8 9	2	– 15 –	3 3 9
12	Jarvis, H.	3	2 12 6	...	...	2 12 6
13	Jennings, J.	1	2 15 –	...	...	2 15 –
14	Kerr, R.	5	7 7 6	...	...	7 7 6
15	Lansdown, G.	2	1 15 –	...	...	1 15 –
16	Large, W. A....	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
17	McDonell, G.	4	3 – –	...	...	3 – –
18	Markham, S. S.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
19	Mathews, J. D.	1	– 15 –	...	...	– 15 –
20	Notley, R. P.	3	3 7 6	1	– 7 6	3 15 –
21	Parsons, H, ...	5	4 2 6	...	...	4 2 6
22	Payne, A.	3	1 15 –	...	...	1 15 –
23	Redman, J. B.	3	4 10 –	1	– 12 6	5 2 6
24	Tabberer, B.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
25	Wallen, F.	16	23 10 –	...	...	23 10 –
26	Whichcord, J.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
27	Williams, G. B.	2	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
28	Williams, T.	2	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
29	Wood, S.	2	2 12 6	...	...	2 12 6
30	Woodthorpe, E.	3	2 15 –	...	...	2 15 –
31	Woodward, J. A. J.	5	8 7 6	...	...	8 7 6
		115	135 15 –	5	2 7 6	138 2 6

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned expenses, incident to shoring and hoarding Dangerous Structures, under the Metropolitan Building Acts, 1855 and 1869, be charged to the Owners of the respective properties, together with other expenses affecting the same, and be recovered according to law.

Case No.	Premises.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
27,138	7, Mary's-place, St. Pancras	1 8 3
27,139	8, „ „	1 6 1
27,311	157A and 158, New Bond-street, St. George, Hanover-square	1 7 4
27,370	15, Mary's-place, St. Pancras	2 19 5
27,371	17, „ „	6 2 1
27,372	18, „ „	6 4 7
27,475	5, Wickham-street, Lambeth	– 12 5
27,476	7, „ „	– 12 5
27,508	18, Red Lion-street, Wapping	1 9 10
27,604	29, Stebondale-street, Poplar	4 17 5
27,733	Warehouse, South-East side of Sheppy-yard, Minories	2 17 1
28,176	36, Haydon-street, Minories	8 5 1
28,305	Stable adjoining No. 142, Kerby-street, Bromley	1 7 –
28,334	27, Upper-street, Islington	3 4 2
28,398	35, Netley-street, St. Pancras	7 4 1
28,494	21, Cuthbert-street, Paddington	1 12 2
		£51 9 4

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Statement now submitted, showing the Salaries which will become payable to Officers of the Board on the 24th instant, amounting to the sum of £2,613 10s., be approved, and that the Treasurer of the Board, the London and Westminster Bank (Limited), be authorised to pay the several sums specified in such Statement to the persons entitled to receive the same.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £150 in favour of the Woolwich Local Board, being one-half of the net cost, as agreed to be contributed by this Board, of effecting an Improvement in Chapel-street, Woolwich; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for permission to borrow the sum of £7,000 to defray the cost of new granite-paving works be granted; that, subject to the approval of the Treasury being obtained thereto, the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, in one sum, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st January, the 1st April, the 1st July, and the 1st October, in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st October, within a period of Twenty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be now cancelled—

Main Drainage and Main Sewers.

No. 1010.	1883. August 10th.	Levy, H.	£223	0 0
„ 1011.	„ „	Edwards, F.	9	9 0

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4917.	1883. August 10th.	Palmer, P., and Gregory, H. ..	2,349	0 0
„ 4818.	„ „	Phillips, J. and J.	11	15 0
„ 4932.	„ „	Thomas, R. G.	437	6 8
„ 4933.	„ „	Treherne, G. G. T.	218	13 4
„ 4946.	„ „	Davis, Mrs. J. M.	185	0 0
„ 4955.	„ „	Cumming, J.	205	0 0

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

9. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 19th November, 1883.

Under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, your Committee have drawn the following Cheques—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Main Drainage and Main Sewers.		
Re Mitchell (Putney to Clapham)—(2514)—		
De Jersey, Micklem and Son—		
1024 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.		17 17 6
Streets (Act of 1877).		
Re Cox's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(2515)—		
Bank of England for Chancery—		
6575 Purchase-money for Freehold of Nos. 7 and 8, Angel-court, Great Windmill-street ...	2,200 - -	
Dunch, C.—		
6576 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	25 4 -	
Gellatly, Son and Warton—		
6577 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	10 10 -	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
6578 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	11 - -	
Re Baker (Kentish-town-road)—(2516)—		
Allingham and Pearce—		
6579 Costs of Title and Conveyance	13 11 8	
Re Walsh (Gray's-inn-road)—(2517)—		
Hudson, Matthews and Co.—		
6580 Costs of Petition for payment out of part of fund in Court, and interim investment of residue	45 18 5	
Re Glossop and others (Piccadilly)—(2518)—		
Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
6581 Costs of Title and Conveyance	48 6 6	
Re Baker and others (Gray's-inn-road)—(2519)—		
Merediths, Roberts and Mills—		
6582 Three-fourths of proportion of Tenants' rent of Nos. 5 to 9 and 11 to 16, Tyndall's-buildings, to 3rd July, 1883, and interest on Purchase-money from that date to 9th November, 1883 (less Tax)	56 15 10	
Re Halliwell (Gray's-inn-road)—(2520 and 2521)—		
Guscotte, Wadham and Daw—		
6583 One-fourth of proportion of Tenants' rent of Nos. 5 to 9 and 11 to 16, Tyndall's-buildings, to 3rd July, 1883, and interest on Purchase-money from that date, to 9th November, 1883 (less Tax)	19 - 2	
6584 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	38 - 6	
Carried forward	£2,468 7 1	17 17 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	2,468 7 1	17 17 6
Re H. Smith (Piccadilly)—(2522)—		
Holcombe and Banks—		
6585 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	13 – –	
Re Hoe (Piccadilly)—(2523)—		
Layton, Son and Lendon—		
6586 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	24 9 6	
Re Turner (Piccadilly)—(2524)—		
Miller, S. F., and Son—		
6587 Costs of Title and Conveyance	15 – –	
Re Stanley (Piccadilly)—(2525)—		
Church and Co.—		
6588 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	11 17 2	
Re Pattison (Piccadilly)—(2526)—		
Jackman, J.—		
6589 Assistance on Trade claim	6 6 –	
Re R. Villiers (Piccadilly)—(2527, 2528, and 2529)—		
Assistance on Trade claim—		
6590 George, A. A.	10 10 –	
6591 Harris, A. J.	10 10 –	
6592 Turner, G. H.	5 5 –	
Re Simons (Piccadilly)—(2530)—		
Keen, H.—		
6593 Assistance on Trade claim	12 12 –	
	———	2,577 16 9
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Garton—(2531)—		
Wilson, R.—		
50 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	20 – 4	
Re Marsland—(2532)—		
Marsland, J.—		
51 Purchase-money for Fee-simple in No. 192, Tooley-street...	1,300 – –	
Stock, H.—		
52 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	21 – –	
Re Josaphat—(2533 and 2534)—		
Josaphat, E.—		
53 Compensation for Tenancy in No. 188, Tooley-street...	540 – –	
Funge, J.—		
54 Assistance on Trade claim	5 5 –	
Re Hartley and others—(2535)—		
Dwarber, J. C.—		
55 Assistance on Trade claim	5 5 –	
	———	1,891 10 4
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).		
Re Leach Brothers (Putney)—(2536)—		
Brighten, W. G.—		
534 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	11 12 10	
Carried forward	£11 12 10	4,487 4 7

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	11 12 10	4,487 4 7
Re Phillips (Putney)—(2537)—		
Parker, Messrs.—		
535 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	15 5 6	
		26 18 4
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Bond (Goulston-street)—(2538)—		
Field, Roscoe and Co.—		
5016 Costs of Title and Conveyance	6 – 6	
Re West's Trustees (Goulston-street)—(2539)—		
Birt, D.—		
5017 Costs of Title and Conveyance, and of Petition for payment out of Court, &c.	68 1 4	
Re Thomas and Treherne (Little Coram-street)—(2540)—		
Freshfields and Williams—		
5018 Costs of production of Deeds	3 3 –	
Re Mace (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2541)—		
Mace, W.—		
5019 Compensation for Yearly Tenancy in vacant land in White Hart-place	10 – –	
Re Fayle (Goulston-street)—(2546)—		
Collins, H. H.—		
5020 Surveyor's charges	17 3 –	
Prockter, R.—(2542 to 2546)—		
Costs of Title and Assignment—		
5021 *Re* Freeman (Goulsten-street)— ...	£7 7 –	
,, Crossingham ,, ...	7 7 –	
,, Satchell ,, ...	7 7 –	
,, Davis ,, ...	7 7 –	
	29 8 –	
		133 15 10
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Glossop and others—(Piccadilly)—(2547)—		
Young, Jones, Roberts and Hale—		
969 Half-year's Rent of premises in Greek-street and King-street (less Tax), less proportion of Ground-rent, to 12th November, 1883, and proportion of Insurance Premium		29 10 6
		£4,677 9 3

Your Committee have to report that, in accordance with the reference made to them on the 19th ultimo (No. 11), they have considered the applications for the post of Second-class Assistant in the Improvements branch of your Superintending Architect's Department. 185 applications were received; and a Sub-Committee, appointed by your Committee, having selected and seen 25 of the applicants, have expressed their opinion that Mr. R. Fitt, Mr. R. Mann and Mr. F. W. Tarring, are the best suited for the appointment. Your Committee beg to recommend—

That one of those three gentlemen be appointed.

Your Committee have further to report that, in accordance with the Board's Resolution

of the 19th ultimo (No. 11) Advertisements were issued inviting applications for four Fourth-class Clerkships, two of which were for your Clerk's and two for your Superintending Architect's Departments. Subsequently to the Board's Resolution being passed, Mr. G. B. Morgan, a Fourth-class Assistant in your Clerk's Department, asked that he might be transferred to your Superintending Architect's Department, on the ground that he had been originally articled to an Architect, and preferred that branch of work. As your Superintending Architect wishes that one of the new Assistants should have some knowledge of the work of an Architect's office, and thinks Mr. Morgan suitable, it appears to your Committee desirable that Mr. Morgan's request should be complied with, and they accordingly recommend—

That he be transferred to your Superintending Architect's Department.

If this be done only one of the new Clerks will be required for that Department. Of the Candidates who applied in consequence of the Advertisement 24 were selected by a Sub-Committee, of whom 23 attended, and were as usual submitted to an examination. The result of the competition shows that the four Candidates having the highest number of marks are Mr. J. Ollis, Mr. H. B. Gold, Mr. H. F. Keene, and Mr. A. H. W. Jackson. Your Committee recommend—

That the three first-named be appointed Fourth-class Assistants in the Clerk's Department, each at a commencing salary of £80 a year, and that Mr. A. H. W. Jackson be appointed a Fourth-class Assistant in the Superintending Architect's Department, at a commencing salary of £80 a year.

Two other Candidates, Mr. D. P. Andrews and Mr. P. J. Edwards, come next in order of merit to the above, and as the difference of merit is very trifling, your Committee recommend—

That the same course be adopted as has been taken on previous occasions, viz., that their names be registered in the Board's Minutes, and that they be appointed to fill the next vacancies for Fourth-class Assistants which may arise in any of the Departments.

Your Committee have considered the Notice, referred to them on the 9th instant, (No. 40), from the Lambeth Waterworks Company, of their intention to give, on and after the 2nd April, 1884, a constant supply of Water throughout the district in the Parish of Lambeth, described in the Notice. Your Committee have conferred with your Engineer, and see no reason to dissent from the proposal. They beg to recommend in accordance with that view.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 9th instant (No. 4), from the Vestry of St. Marylebone, relative to the erection of a shop at No. 24, Finchley-road, in advance of the line of frontage, to obtain the demolition of which the Vestry were taking steps, and asking the Board to assist in the matter. It appears to your Committee that this is a question in which the Board should have the advice of the Building Act Committee, and your Committee recommend—

That it be referred to that Committee to report whether, in their opinion, the case is one in which the Board should intervene.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Memorial, referred back by the Board on the 15th December, 1882 (No. 83), from ratepayers of the Old-street Ward of the Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, praying the Board to increase the number of Vestrymen assigned to the Wards of the Parish. The matter was referred back on the above date in consequence of the receipt of a Letter from the Vestry asking the Board to postpone their decision on it. The subject has been before your Committee from time to time since the above date, and having carefully re-considered it, they see no reason to alter the view expressed in their former Report. They accordingly submit the following proposed alteration in the number of Vestrymen, and recommend—

That the same be communicated to the Vestry of St. Luke, and to the Memorialists, and that the subject be taken into consideration on a day to be fixed by the

Board for the purpose of hearing any parties, and of pronouncing their final Order therein—

1. City-road West	12	as at present	12
2. Old-street	9	instead of	6
3. City-road East	12	„	9
4. West Finsbury	15	„	12
5. East Finsbury	12	„	9
	60		48

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
W. H. DALTON,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FREDK. INGOLDBY,
THOMAS. H. ELAM
JOHN TOLHURST,
HENRY HARBEN,
WM. SHEPHERD,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
GEO. HILL,
GEO. EDWARDS,
WM. DEBENHAM.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the appointment of an Assistant in the Superintending Architect's Department in the Second Class of Officers, be approved, and that the election be now proceeded with.

The Candidates whose names were submitted by the Committee were then called before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the names of the Candidates be put to the vote *seriatim*, and that the name of the Candidate having the least number of votes be struck off at each voting.

The Board then proceeded with the election by a show of hands, taken successively for each of the Candidates; the name of the Candidate having the smallest number of votes being struck off at each voting, as follows—

	1st Show of Hands.	2nd Show of Hands.
Fitt, R....	9	8
Mann, R.	5	—
Tarring, F. W.	17	16

It was then moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Frederick William Tarring be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, as an Assistant in the Superintending Architect's Department in the Second Class of Officers, at a commencing salary of £150 per annum.

Mr. Tarring was then called and informed of the foregoing Resolution, and, in reply to a question by the Chairman, he stated that he was prepared to enter upon his duties at once, and to devote the whole of his time to the discharge of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. G. B. Morgan, now a Fourth-class Assistant in the Clerk's Department, be transferred to a similar position in the Superintending Architect's Department.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. James Ollis, Mr. H. B. Gold, and Mr. H. F. Keene, be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, Fourth-class Assistants in the Clerk's Department, each at a commencing salary of £80 a year.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. A. H. W. Jackson be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, as a Fourth-class Assistant in the Superintending Architect's Department, at a commencing salary of £80 a year.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the names of Mr. D. P. Andrews and Mr. P. J. Edwards, who have passed an examination satisfactorily, be registered in the Minutes of the Board, and that they be appointed to fill the next vacancies for Fourth-class Assistants which may arise in any of the Departments.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board see no reason to dissent from the proposal contained in the Notice from the Lambeth Waterworks Company, dated 30th October, 1883, of their intention to give, on and after the 2nd April next, a constant supply of Water throughout the District or area in the Parish of Lambeth described in the Notice.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of St. Marylebone, asking for the Board's assistance with respect to the erection of a shop at No. 24, Finchley-road, in advance of the line of frontage be approved, and that it be referred to the Building Act Committee to report whether, in their opinion, it is a case in which the Board should intervene.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Memorial from ratepayers of the Old-street Ward of the Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, praying the Board to increase the number of Vestrymen assigned to the Wards of the Parish, be approved; that the following proposed alteration of such numbers be communicated to the Vestry of St. Luke, and to the Memorialists, and that the subject be taken into consideration on a day to be fixed by the Board for the purpose of hearing any parties, and of pronouncing their final Order in the matter—

1.	City-road West	12	as at present	12
2.	Old-street	9	instead of	6
3.	City-road East	12	,,	9
4.	West Finsbury	15	,,	12
5.	East Finsbury	12	,,	9
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It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, That the subject be again considered by the Board on Friday, the 21st December next, at One o'clock p.m., and that the parties be so informed.

10. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 13th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz:—

DATE.	APPLICATION.
10th and 17th August, 1883.	Wandsworth District Board, forwarding requests for the re-naming of Zulu-crescent, Battersea.
15th July, 1868.	Bethnal-green Vestry, for re-numbering, &c., Bethnal-green-road.
14th August, 1883.	Colonel M. Petrie, that Lansdowne-road, Notting-hill, Kensington, may be re-named Lansdowne-gardens.
29th September, 1883.	Letter from Captain Simner, complaining that he is much inconvenienced by the repetition of the number 134 in St. John's-road, Upper Holloway.
4th October, 1883.	Letter from Mr. F. R. Meeson, suggesting that either Southampton-street, Bloomsbury, or Southampton-street, Strand, be re-named, as both are in the W.C. postal district.

Date.	Application.
11th October, 1883.	Vestry of St. Pancras, that Mary-place, Stanhope-street, may be re-named Stanhope-buildings.
19th October, 1883.	Mr. J. A. J. Woodward, on behalf of Mr. Samuel Sansom, that Pitt-street, St. George's-road, Southwark, may be re-named.
25th October, 1883.	Owners and occupiers of land and houses in Thirlmere-terrace, Streatham, requesting that the name Thirlmere-road may be substituted for that of Thirlmere-terrace.
1st November, 1883.	Mr. R. D. Hansom, that the name "Mazenod-avenue" may be substituted for "Flaxley-road," Hampstead.
3rd November, 1883.	Mr. H. J. Galer, objecting to the Order of the Board of the 19th January last, directing that the houses in Stonebridge-place be re-numbered as part of Haggerston-road.

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That Zulu-crescent, Battersea, be re-named "Rowena-crescent, S.W."

That the houses in the new portion of Bethnal-green-road be re-numbered.

That Colonel Petrie be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board deem it inexpedient to re-name Lansdowne-road, Notting-hill, "Lansdowne-gardens."

That Captain Simner be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board deem it inexpedient again to re-number the houses in St. John's-road, Upper Holloway.

That Mr. F. R. Meeson be informed, in reply to his Letter, that, in consequence of the general opposition to any alteration, the Board deem it inexpedient to re-name either Southampton-street, Bloomsbury, or Southampton-street, Strand.

That Mary-place, Stanhope-street, St. Pancras, be re-named "Stanhope-buildings, N.W."

That Pitt-street, St. George's-road, Southwark, be re-named "Oswin-street, S.E."

That the name "Thirlmere-road, S.W.," be substituted for "Thirlmere-terrace," as the name of a new road at Streatham, the Plan for the formation of which was approved on the 19th March, 1880.

That the name "Mazenod-avenue, N.W.," be substituted for "Flaxley-road," as the name of a new road at Hampstead, the Plan for the formation of which was approved on the 12th May, 1871.

That the Board do adhere to their Order of the 19th January last, directing that the houses in Stonebridge-place be re-numbered as part of Haggerston-road, and that Mr. H. J Galer be so informed.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
WM. DEBENHAM,
W. R. SELWAY.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That Zulu-crescent, in the Parish of St. Mary, Battersea, in the County of Surrey, be re-named "Rowena-crescent, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant

to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the new portion of the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Bethnal-green-road, in the respective Parishes of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, and St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,198, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 55, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 50, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the existing numbers be abolished; and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestries of Shoreditch and Bethnal-green, respectively, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and resolved—That Colonel Petrie be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board deem it inexpedient to re-name Lansdowne-road, Notting-hill, "Lansdowne-gardens."

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and resolved—That Captain Simner be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board deem it inexpedient again to re-number the houses in St. John's-road, Upper Holloway.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and resolved—That Mr. F. R. Meeson be informed, in reply to his Letter, that, in consequence of the general opposition to any alteration, the Board deem it inexpedient to re-name either Southampton-street, Bloomsbury, or Southampton-street, Strand.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That Mary-place, Stanhope-street, in the Parish of St. Pancras, in the County of Middlesex, be re-named "Stanhope-buildings, N.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of St. Pancras, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 13th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pusuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That Pitt-street, in the respective Parishes of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be re-named "Oswin-street, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestries of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and Lambeth, respectively, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and resolved—That the name "Thirlmere-road, S.W.," be substituted for "Thirlmere-terrace," as the name of a new road at Streatham, the Plan for the formation of which was approved by the Board on the 19th March, 1880.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and resolved—That the name "Mazenod-avenue, N.W.," be substituted for "Flaxley-road," as the name of a new road at Hampstead, the Plan for the formation of which was approved by the Board on the 12th May, 1871.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and resolved—That the Board do adhere to their Order of the 19th January last, directing that the houses in Stonebridge-place be re-numbered as part of Haggerston-road, and that Mr. Galer be so informed.

11. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 20th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that their attention has been recently directed to the illuminating power of the Gas supplied in various parts of London, including the neighbourhood of Charing-cross, as it did not appear to be equal to the standard fixed by Parliament in the several Gas Companies' Acts, which require that the Gas shall, when consumed at the rate of 5 cubic feet per hour, be of an illuminating power equal in intensity to the light produced by sixteen sperm candles, each burning 120 grains per hour. The prescribed quality was always found to be maintained in the Gas supplied to and tested at the various Gas-testing Stations at which the Board's Gas Examiners made daily testings for ascertaining the quality of the Gas, but on the Gas being photometrically examined in the Laboratory attached to the Board's Offices, it was found to be, on each occasion, considerably below the standard. This result appeared to throw considerable doubt upon the efficacy of the existing arrangements for the examination of Gas, and your Committee therefore directed that Mr. Dibdin should report to them the position of the several Gasworks and distributing Stations supplying the Metropolis; the routes of the chief Gas Mains from such works and Stations; and the position of the official Testing-places, with the object of ascertaining in what way the system was defective. The Report and Map prepared under the direction of your Committee show, with regard to the district supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, that the Gas is manufactured at ten distinct works, which are situated at Beckton, Bromley, Nine-elms, Fulham, St. Pancras, Kensal-green, Haggerston, Bow-common, Shoreditch and Pimlico, and that the daily supply of Gas from those works varies from 86 millions of cubic feet at mid-winter to 21 millions of cubic feet at mid-summer. The Gas is distributed from the works by means of one or more large Mains, and these Mains are connected with Mains from the Company's other works. It therefore follows that the Gas made at one of the Company's works can hardly be said to supply a particular district, as it mixes with the Gas from other works in a system of inter-communicating Mains. It is important to remember this in connection with the fact that an official Gas Testing place was formerly required to be on a Main, and not more than 1,000 yards from the works at which the Gas had been manufactured. Thus for the Bromley works a Testing-place was established at Devon's-road, Bow; the Shoreditch works had a Station at Kingsland-road, the Fulham works one at Chelsea, and so on. In fact, each of the seven Stations still used for testing the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company was intended for, and situated near, one of the Company's works, and if the whole of the Gas manufactured at each of the works passed through the Main supplying the Testing-station, a fair knowledge of the quality of the Gas would be gained. This, however, is not the case, and it is impossible to know at what works the Gas tested at any of the Testing-places has been manufactured. It follows that the Testing-places are now only of use in ascertaining the quality of the Gas consumed in the districts in which they are situated; and in the opinion of your Committee their position is not in all cases suitable for the purpose. For instance, the Gas supplied in nearly the whole of central London (excluding the City) is practically untested, there being no Testing-stations between Shoreditch and Dalston, on the East and North-East; Camden-town and Notting-hill on the North and West, and Chelsea on the South-West. Your Committee consider it essential that additional Testing-stations should be established in the large district between these places, and that one such Station should be near Charing-cross. As regards the district supplied

by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, which includes the greater part of London South of the Thames, and the district supplied by the Commercial Gas Company in the East of London, your Committee find that the position of the Testing-places affords much greater security to the consumers that the Gas supplied is equal to the Standard, and no special recommendation with regard to the districts supplied by those Companies appears to be necessary. The responsibility of prescribing the numbers and position of the Testing-places rests with the Metropolitan Gas Referees; and your Committee are of opinion that, in view of the altered conditions under which Gas is now manufactured and distributed, the arrangements for testing should be thoroughly revised by the Referees, and your Committee recommend—

That a communication be addressed to the Gas Referees, directing attention to the inadequacy of the existing arrangements for testing the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company in a large portion of their district, and suggesting that additional Gas-testing places be prescribed by the Referees, including one at the Offices of the Board.

Your Committee have ascertained that the Gas-testing apparatus at present in use in the Laboratory in the Board's Offices is not fully in accordance with the requirements of the Gas Referees, as that portion of the appliances used in connection with the tests for Sulphur and other impurities is not complete. An estimate has been obtained from Messrs. W. Sugg and Co. for supplying the remaining portions of the apparatus, and for fitting and completing the same for £50 5s. As your Committee consider it desirable that the Board's testing appliances should be in all respects complete, they recommend—

That the Gas-testing apparatus in the Board's Laboratory be completed, so as to be in accordance with the Specification of the Gas Referees for Gas-testing apparatus, at a cost of £50 5s.

Your Committee are also of opinion that it is very desirable that occasional testings for ascertaining the illuminating power of the Gas supplied by the several Gas Companies should be made in various parts of the Metropolis. For this purpose it will be necessary to provide a portable Photometer, suitable for testing illuminating power by the method prescribed by the Gas Referees, and your Committee have ascertained that the instrument can be obtained for the sum of £34 9s. Your Committee recommend—

That a portable Photometer be obtained, for the purpose of testing the illuminating power of the Gas supplied in different parts of the Metropolis, at a cost of £34 9s.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mrs. Harriet Bond, for renewal of registration under the Infant Life Protection Act. The conditions under which the Infants at Mrs. Bond's premises are kept continue to be satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That the application of Mrs. Harriet Bond, for renewal of registration under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at No. 2, Regency-place, Kennington-park-road, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law fixing Two as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises

Your Committee have further to report that, under their direction, proceedings have been taken against Mrs. Mary Ann Hill, for the unlawful keeping of Infants at No. 40, Goldsmith-row, Hill-street, Peckham. The Magistrate inflicted a penalty of 40s. and costs, and, in default of payment, Mrs. Hill was sent to prison for one month.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mr. C. Goolden, for a License to keep Petroleum at St. Luke's Wharf, Black-horse-road, Deptford. The arrangements for storage are satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That a License be granted to Mr. Charles Goolden, trading as C. Goolden and Co., for One year from the 23rd instant, to keep 400 gallons of Petroleum at St. Luke's Wharf, Black-horse-road, Deptford, in accordance with the terms of the special License submitted.

Your Committee also submit a list of 100 applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum in small quantities, and they recommend—

That in 91 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity, not exceeding 10 gallons of

Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in two cases a License be granted to keep Petroleum at the place named, in a store situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90; and that in 7 cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FRED$^{K.}$ INGOLDBY,
JNO. ABBOTT.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, and seconded—That a communication be addressed to the Metropolitan Gas Referees, directing their attention to the inadequacy of the existing arrangements for testing the Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company in a large portion of their District, and suggesting that additional Gas-testing places be prescribed by the Referees, including one at the Offices of the Board.

After discussion, the **motion** was put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was **resolved** accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Gas-testing apparatus in the Board's Laboratory be completed, at a cost of £50 5s., so as to be in accordance with the Specification issued by the Gas Referees with respect to Gas-testing apparatus.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That a portable Photometer be obtained, for the purpose of testing the illuminating power of the Gas supplied in different parts of the Metropolis, at a cost of £34 9s.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That the registration of Mrs. Harriet Bond, under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at No. 2, Regency-place, Kennington-park-road, be renewed, and that the Board do hereby make a Bye-law fixing Two as the number of Infants to be kept at such premises.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That a License be granted to Mr. Charles Goolden (trading as C. Goolden and Co.) for One year from this date, to keep 400 gallons of Petroleum at St. Luke's Wharf, Black-horse-road, Deptford, in accordance with the terms of the special License now submitted.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That Licenses be granted to the One hundred persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolutions were laid before the Board.

It was **moved** by Mr. Fell, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

12. Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 21st November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that 250 stakes and 325 yards of wire netting are required for use in connection with certain trees about to be planted in Finsbury-park; and they beg to recommend—

That the stakes and wire be obtained, at an estimated cost of £19 10s.

Your Committee have to report that it is necessary, in order to provide for the protection of the trees about to be planted on Brook-green, that 250 yards of wire

netting and half cwt. of sacking, and a like quantity of tarred cord should be obtained. Your Committee recommend—

That an expenditure of £11 5s. 6d. be authorised for the purpose.

Your Committee have had their attention drawn to the substitutes for Drinking-fountains in Southwark-park, which consist simply of a wooden board supporting a leaden pipe and brass tap. Your Committee are of opinion that better accommodation should be provided, and they have had before them Plans, submitted by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, one of which they beg to submit with this Report for the approval of the Board. Your Committee have ascertained that the Association are willing to supply polished granite Drinking-fountains in accordance with the Plan referred to, and not only to erect the same and provide all necessary piping and a supply of water, but also to undertake the future maintenance of the Fountains, on payment of a sum of £25 for each Fountain. Your Committee are of opinion that this is an advantageous offer for the Board, and that four Drinking-fountains should be obtained from the Association and be erected in the Park; and they therefore recommend—

That an expenditure of £100 be sanctioned for the purpose, on the conditions named.

In pursuance of the reference by the Board on the 9th instant (No. 38), your Committee have considered the Memorial from Mr. Cassey, and other residents in Forest-hill-road, Peckham-rye, complaining of the condition of the roads in the immediate vicinity of the "Herne" Tavern, which is situated at the extreme Southern point of the Rye. Your Committee have to report that the roads are undoubtedly in a bad condition in the locality referred to in the Memorial, and that the duty of repairing them does not rest with this Board but with the Vestry of Camberwell, who are the Local authority for the district. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That a communication to that effect be sent to Mr. Cassey.

Your Committee have to report that, in order to prevent the wearing away of the turf on the portions of Peckham-rye, near the "King's Arms" Public-house, it is desirable that post-and-rail fencing should be erected, as shown on the Plan submitted herewith. The fencing, which will be of the same description as that usually erected by the Board on their Open Spaces, is estimated to cost £46 15s., and your Committee recommend—

That the expenditure be sanctioned.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the desirability of erecting fencing along the Western boundary of London-fields, next Lansdowne-road. Your Committee beg to submit a Plan showing the proposed line of fence, and to recommend—

That the fencing be erected, at an estimated cost of £28.

Your Committee have to report that Edward Livermore, of No. 15, Preston-street, Malden-road, Kentish-town, who was licensed by the Board on the 2nd February last to let animals, &c., on hire on Hampstead-heath has no further use for his License, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That the License be cancelled.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 2nd instant (No. 33), your Committee have considered the Letter from the Fulham District Board, stating that the road substituted for the highway formerly intersecting Brook-green, and referred to in the Agreement entered into between the representatives of the late Mr. Bird, the District Board, and this Board, has now been completed. Your Committee have received from your Engineer a Report to the effect that the road referred to has been completed to his satisfaction, and in accordance with the Agreement. Your Committee report the fact for the information of the Board, and they recommend—

That it be referred to the Solicitor to take any steps necessary for giving effect to the Agreement.

In pursuance of the reference back to them by the Board on the 9th instant (No. 15), your Committee have considered further as to the proposed enclosure of a portion of land next All Saints' Church, Blackheath, which land has hitherto been treated as part of the Heath. As your Solicitor advises your Committee that the land referred to was transferred by the Lord of the Manor to the Church authorities when he granted the site on which the Church now stands, your Committee see no reason why the Board should offer any opposition to the proposed enclosure. It may be mentioned that your Committee have had before them a Letter from Messrs. White, Borrett and Co., the agents for the Vicar, which Letter your Committee now submit, stating that it is not intended to build anything on the land referred to except an enlargement of the Church. Your Committee recommend—

> That the Letter from Messrs. White, Borrett and Co, be entered on the Board's Minutes, and that no opposition be offered to the enclosure, by the representatives of the Vicar, of the land referred to.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board, on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of glass, putty, sacking and cord, for use in Finsbury-park; the supply of a stove and pipe for the Chelsea Embankment; and some wire for use on Open Spaces North of the Thames; also some cork jackets for men on duty at the ponds at Hampstead. They have also authorised the purchase of mats, chains, netting and shrubs for use in Southwark-park, and the employment therein of a Labourer to take the place of the man whose duties are now confined to the gymnasium. Your Committee have also authorised the purchase of trees for planting on Bostall-heath, and they have directed that a bucket and broom be obtained for use in the watch-box on London-fields.

Your Committee have to further report, for the information and approval of the Board, that they have authorised your Solicitor to intimate to the Land Commissioners in connection with the Scheme for Streatham-common, that the Board see no objection to the width of the Ride being increased to 30 feet, if necessary, or to a bridle road being formed diagonally across the Upper Common; or to Football being played on the same condition as Cricket, viz., with power to the Board to regulate only those two games and to prohibit any others if found necessary.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN RUNTZ,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
HENRY HARBEN,
W^M. SHEPHERD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
GEO. HILL,
G. P. MEADEN.

The Plans, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That 250 stakes for trees, and 325 yards of wire netting be obtained for use in Finsbury-park, at an estimated cost of £19 10s.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That 250 yards of wire netting, half-a-hundred-weight of sacking, and half-a-hundred weight of tarred cord be obtained for use on Brook-green, at an estimated cost of £11 5s. 6d.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That four polished granite Drinking-fountains, in accordance with the Plan now submitted, be obtained from the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle-Trough Association, and that they be erected in Southwark-park, upon condition that the Association do undertake to erect the same, and to provide the necessary pipes and supply of water, and to maintain the Fountains in the future, at a cost of £25 for each Fountain.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Cassey be informed, in reply to the Memorial from himself and other residents in the Forest-hill-road, Peckham-rye, that the duty of repairing the roads in the vicinity of the "Herne" Tavern rests with the Vestry of Camberwell.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That post-and-rail fencing be erected, as shown on the Plan now submitted, for the protection of Peckham-rye-common, near the "King's Arms" Public-house, at an estimated cost of £46 15s.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That post-and-rail fencing be erected along the Western boundary of London-fields, Hackney, next Lansdowne-road, as shown on the Plan now submitted, at an estimated cost of £28.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the License granted by the Board on the 2nd February last, to Edward Livermore, to let animals, &c., on hire on Hampstead-heath, be, and the same is hereby revoked.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That inasmuch as it appears that the road referred to in the Agreement between the late Mr. Bird's representatives, the Fulham District Board, and this Board, relative to Brook-green, has been completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer of this Board, it be referred to the Solicitor to take any steps which may be necessary for giving effect to the Agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do offer no opposition to the enclosure, by the representatives of the Vicar of All Saints' Church, Blackheath, of a portion of land hitherto treated as part of the Heath next that Church; and that the Letter received from Messrs. White, Borrett, and Co., on the subject be entered on the Minutes of the proceedings of this day, and it is entered accordingly—

London: 6, Whitehall-place, S.W.,
5th November, 1883.

Blackheath (All Saints' Church site).

Dear Sir—

In reply to your Letter of the 27th ultimo—

1.—It is proposed to extend the present fence round the triangular piece of land on the South side, and to mark out by boundary stones the detached piece on the West side.

2.—The whole of the land, which was originally conveyed as a site for the Church, is subject to the provisions and restrictions of the Church Building Acts; and even if such an undertaking as that which is suggested in your Letter were required, it does not appear that there is any one who would be competent to give it. For the satisfaction, however, of the Metropolitan Board of Works, we are instructed to say that, with the exception of any enlargement of the Church that hereafter may be found necessary, there is no intention of erecting any building on the land about to be fenced in and marked out with stones.

Yours, &c.,
WHITE, BORRETT & CO.,
per A. H. W.

George Vulliamy, Esq.,
Superintending Architect's Department,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Committee with respect to the Scheme for the management of Streatham-common be approved.

13. Mr. Runtz, the Chairman of the Bridges Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Bridges Committee.

Spring-gardens, 21st November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. J. Harris, referred by the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 48), suggesting that Battersea

Bridge should be re-opened for light vehicular traffic between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily. Your Committee, having conferred with your Engineer, are of opinion that it is not advisable to re-open the Bridge for light vehicular traffic, to the exclusion of other carriage traffic, and they recommend—

That the Resolution of the Board directing that the Bridge shall be closed to all but foot passengers be adhered to, and that Mr. Harris be informed that the Board are not prepared to adopt his suggestion.

Your Committee have had before them a Letter from Mr. C. M. White, a boat owner, offering to rent the lower part of the Lodge at the South-West corner of Chelsea Bridge. Your Committee, having conferred with your Engineer, recommend—

That the lower part of the Lodge be let to Mr. White on a weekly tenancy at a rent of 4s. per week, the tenant to keep the premises in good order, and to enter into an Agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor.

Your Committee have considered as to dealing with the spaces at the North-Eastern and North-Western corners of Waterloo Bridge, and, after conference with your Engineer, they recommend that the existing hoardings be removed; that the iron fencing be repaired, that gates and screens be fixed, and that four of Jennings' 3-stall urinals be erected on the spaces in question. The cost of the works is estimated at £380, and should be charged to Capital Account.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had before them a Letter from Mr. John Waddell, the Contractor for the Putney new Bridge, asking for an advance of £4,000 until another complete measurement of the works shall have been made. Your Engineer advises that the request may be acceded to, and your Committee, having given the matter careful consideration, recommend—

That an advance of £4,000 be made to Mr. Waddell accordingly.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN RUNTZ,
WM. SHEPHERD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
W. R. SELWAY,
G. P. MEADEN.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. J. Harris be informed, in reply to his Letter, suggesting that Battersea Bridge should be re-opened for light vehicular traffic between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, that the Board are not prepared to act upon his suggestion.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the lower part of the Lodge at the South-West corner of Chelsea Bridge be let to Mr. C. M. White, boat-owner, on a weekly tenancy, at a rent of 4s. per week, Mr. White to keep the premises in good order, and to enter into an Agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the hoardings at the North-Eastern and North-Western corners of Waterloo Bridge be removed, that the iron fencing be repaired, that gates and screens be fixed, and that four urinals be erected as described in the Report, at an estimated cost of £380, to be charged to Capital Account.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. John Waddell, the Contractor for the Putney new Bridge works, for an advance of £4,000 on account of his Contract, until another complete measurement of the works shall have been made, be complied with, and that a Cheque be now drawn for the amount; and a Cheque was drawn on the Bridges (Act of 1881) Account accordingly.

14. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 23rd November, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the Wandsworth District Board—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARK.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
Hildreth-road, Streatham ...	279	12-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
Portslade-road, Clapham ...	150	„	„	

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Wandsworth District Board be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 23rd November, 1883, on an application by the Fulham District Board, for permission to stop up the undermentioned thoroughfare for the period and purpose therein mentioned, viz.—

Date of Application.	Name of Street to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Street through which traffic will be diverted.
1883. 10th Nov.	Brook-green-lane ...	Paving.	1 week.	1 week.	Rowan-road.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfare in question by the Fulham District Board, for the purpose of executing paving work therein, for the period recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the work.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 22nd November, 1883, on Letters from the Commissioner of Police relative to defects in the Electric Lighting of the Victoria Embankment; stating that the Police Reports were to the effect that on the 29th ultimo the lights between Waterloo Bridge and Blackfriars were suddenly extinguished at 9.20 p.m., and were not again re-lighted; that on the 2nd instant the lights between Hungerford Bridge and the City boundary were not illuminated till 5.40 p.m.; that on the 4th instant those between Waterloo Bridge and the City were not lighted till 6 p.m.; that on the 11th instant the lights on the Embankment were extinguished at 7.40, and re-lighted at 7.55 p.m.; and that on the 14th instant the lights between Charing-cross Pier and Cleopatra's Needle were extinguished from 9.30 to 9.45 p.m.; further stating that the attention of the Secretary of the Jablochkoff Light Company had been called to those complaints, and that he had replied to the effect that one of the failures in the lighting was due to the breaking of a plug on the smoke-box of the boiler; another to the breaking of one of the leather driving belts, and that the remainder were due to a consignment of inferior carbons, but that as those had since been re-placed by others of a superior quality, he hoped that there would be no further cause for complaint; further stating that since the date of the Letter Reports had been made at the Board's Office of the irregular lighting or extinguishing of some of the lights on the Embankment and Waterloo Bridge on the nights of the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st instant respectively; and recommending that the Clerk of the Board should address a Letter to the Company, calling their attention to the repeated failures in their lighting arrangements, and to the inconvenience and danger to the public resulting therefrom, and urging them to adopt, without delay, some efficient measures for remedying the defects.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Clerk be instructed accordingly.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 22nd November, 1883, on Letter from Mr. H.

Davis, No. 32, Stapleton-hall-road, Stroud-green, renewing his complaint of the defective condition of the sewer in that road; stating that Mr. Davis attributed the occasional stoppages in his and his neighbours' drains, and the consequent floodings of their premises therefrom, to the defective condition of the Sewer, and that he urged the Board to arrange with the Hornsey Local Board for the proper cleansing of the Sewer; further stating that upon Mr. Davis's previous complaint he (the Engineer) had reported to the effect that the Sewer in question was not constructed by this Board, nor was it maintained by them; that the Board formed the road after the Sewer had been constructed by the owners of the land, or their representatives; and that the Board's liability was confined to the lighting and maintenance of the road for a limited period (expiring on 17th December, 1885), and recommending that Mr. Davis should be again informed to that effect.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mr. Davis be informed accordingly.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 22nd November, 1883, on an application by the London and Globe Telephone Company, for permission to place an additional cable in the Queen Victoria-street Subway; recommending that the application be granted, subject to the exact limits being defined within which the cable was proposed to be laid, and to such Plans being furnished as he (the Engineer) might require, and subject further to the general conditions that the works be done, and any damage that may be caused to the Subway in their execution be made good, to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board, and at the sole cost of the Company; that no charge be made to the Company for the accommodation, and that they be allowed, under the control of the Board, to have access to the Subway for the arrangement or alteration of their wires, and do, if the Board deem fit, pay a proportion of the wages of the Inspector of Subways.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted, on the several conditions recommended therein.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 22nd November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. H. Chubb, relative to alleged damage done to his houses, Nos. 52, 54, 56, 58 and 60, Church-street, Deptford, by the execution of the Board's Sewerage works (Deptford Storm Overflow); stating that Mr. Chubb alleged that the windows of his houses had been broken, and that he had lost some of his tenants in consequence of the inconvenience sustained by them from the execution of the works; further stating that the Contractors (Messrs. Pearson and Son) had carried out their works past Mr. Chubb's houses without doing the injury alleged, and that the temporary inconvenience occasioned to his tenants and their neighbours, was no more than was necessary and, under the circumstances unavoidable; and recommending that the Board should decline to admit their liability for the claim.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 22nd November, 1883, on Letters from Mr. E. Baldwin, No. 7, Deptford Bridge, Greenwich, relative to alleged damage done to the shutters, &c., of his shop in consequence of the narrowness of the footpath; stating that Mr. Baldwin alleged that, in consequence of the path in front of his shop being only five feet in width, vans in turning aside to avoid the Tramcars, had injured his shutters and carried away the sun blind, and that, with a view to avoiding probably greater injury, he requested that the path might be widened an additional three feet; further stating that the Board in carrying out the Improvement at Deptford Bridge did not narrow the path in front of Mr. Baldwin's premises, that his request that the footpath should be made wider could only be done either by taking the additional width out of the carriage-way, which would spoil it, and be injurious to the public, or by setting back his shop, which projected 4½ feet in front of the house adjoining it on the West side.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mr. Baldwin be informed accordingly.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 23rd November, 1883, stating that the following quantities of Coal were required for use at the Crossness Pumping Station—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
1,000 Tons of Tanfield-moor Coal	683 6 8
300 „ Welsh Coal	268 15 0
Total	£952 1 8

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly; the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 23rd November, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works under the General Contract, viz.—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
Crossness Pumping Station.	
Repairs to the Western jetty and pier on the River	90 0 0
Repairing and re-laying the defective 18-inch iron (condensing water) pipe	70 0 0
Kennington-park-road.	
Altering the side-entrance to the Main Sewer to suit the altered line of foot-way	30 0 0
Total	£190 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 23rd November, 1883, stating that he had been applied to by the Acton Local Board of Health to advise them as to the disposal of the Sewage within their district, and asking the Board's authority to comply with the request.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That the application of the Engineer be acceded to.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Richardson, and seconded by Mr. Shepherd—That the subject be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 22nd November, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, relative to complaints of alleged nuisance from the removal of the sewage deposit from the man-hole to the Board's sewer opposite No. 4, Chelsea Embankment, and suggesting the desirability of closing the man-hole; stating that the man-hole was only used when it was absolutely necessary, and that it could not be permanently closed, and recommending that the Vestry should be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Vestry of Chelsea be informed accordingly.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 22nd November, 1883, stating that the Maxim-Weston Electric Light Company, in removing from the Queen Victoria-street Subway the wires belonging to the Electric Light and Power Generating Company, had not properly made good the brickwork of the Subway, and recommending that the Clerk should be directed to request the Company, forthwith, to re-instate the brickwork and make good all other damage caused by them in effecting such removal.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that the Clerk do communicate with the Company accordingly.

26. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, which received the Royal Assent on the 25th August last, and stated that it confirmed, amongst other orders, the Electric Lighting Orders relating to the Parishes of Limehouse, Poplar, Rotherhithe, St. Giles, St. Olave, and St. Saviour's, Southwark.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Act be referred to the Engineer, to see that the provisions thereof, in which the Board are concerned, are duly observed.

27. The Solicitor reported that Notices had appeared in the public newspapers with respect to the undermentioned Bills to be introduced next Session—

Alexandra Palace and Grounds.
City of London and Southwark Subway.
Cromwell-road Bridge.
Croydon and Kingston Railway.
Croydon Direct Railway.
Croydon, Norwood, Dulwich and London Railway.
East London Railway.
East of London, Crystal Palace and South-Eastern Junction Railway.
Edison and Swan United Electric Light Company (Limited).
Hammersmith and Fulham Recreation-ground.
Hendon Railway.
Hyde-park-corner (New Streets).
Isleworth Weir and Lock Commissioners (Representation of the Board).
Kensington Public Baths.
Lea Bridge, Leyton and Walthamstow Tramways.
London and Saint Katherine Docks Company.
London and South-Western Railway (Various Powers).
London and South-Western and Metropolitan District Railway Companies.
London, Brighton and South Coast Railway (Various Powers).
London Central Electric Railway.
London, Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers).
London, Chatham and Dover Railway (Shortlands and Nunhead).
London Open Spaces Preservation.
London, Reigate and Brighton Railway.
London Southern Tramways Extensions.
London Street Tramways Extensions.
London, Tilbury and Southend Railway.
London Tramways Company (Limited).
Lower Thames Steam Ferries.
Lower Thames Valley Main Sewerage Board.
Metropolis Water.
Metropolitan and London, Tilbury and Southend Railways.
Metropolitan District Railway.
Metropolitan Outer Circle Railway.
Metropolitan Railway (Park Railway and Parliament-street Improvement).
Metropolitan Railway (Various Powers).

Midland Railway (Additional Powers).
Mid-London Electric Railway.
North and South Woolwich Subway.
North London Tramways.
North Metropolitan Tramways.
Peckham and East Dulwich Tramways.
Sion College.
South-Eastern Metropolitan (Lewisham, Greenwich and District) Tramways.
South-Eastern Railway (Various Powers).
Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company.
Thames Embankment (Pimlico).
Tooting, Balham and Brixton Railway.
United Telephone Company (Limited).
West Metropolitan Tramways.
Wharves and Warehouses Steam Power and Hydraulic Pressure Company.

28. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Undertaking by Messrs. Tussaud with respect to a building to be erected on the site of the premises, Nos. 66 to 82, Marylebone-road, prepared pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of 5th October last (No. 6).

Contract with Mr. M. Marshall, for the erection of fencing at Clapham-common, Goose-green, Brook-green, and Eel-brook-common.

Deed Poll for vesting in the Board the premises No. 10, Church-street, Camberwell, claimed by Mr. C. Offord and others (Camberwell and Peckham Improvement).

License by the Board, as Lords of the Manor of Tooting-beck, to the Trustees of Mr. G. Livesay's Charity to demise to Mr. A. H. Settatree, a part of the tenement held by the Trustees at Tooting-beck-common.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

29. The Solicitor reported that, on information received from the Police, he had caused Summonses to be issued against J. Webster and G. Howard, scavengers in the employ of Mr. Heard, Contractor, for the offence of sweeping mud into certain Gullies in Holborn, and that the Magistrate at the Bow-street Police-court had convicted the offenders, and imposed a fine of 10s. in each case, and 2s. for costs, with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

30. The Solicitor reported that Mr. W. Hogarth, a Third-class Assistant, who had been employed in his Department since December, 1873, had died on the 17th instant.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, to consider and report as to what arrangements should be made for filling up the vacancy.

31. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

The Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,
Vestry-hall, St. Martin's-place, W.C.,
17th November, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your circular Letter of the 8th instant, and to state that this Vestry is in favour of the proposed extension of the existing Coal and Wine Duties from July, 1889, when they expire, to January, 1900, in order that the works of Improvement contemplated by your Honourable Board may be carried out.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) G. W. MURNANE,
Clerk to the Vestry.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Dalton, and resolved—That the Lette be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

32. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Lewisham, S.E.,
16th November, 1883.

Gentlemen,—I am directed by the Board of Guardians of this Union to state that they will be glad if your Board will be willing to advance a further sum of £5,000, by way of Loan, early in the month of January next, in connection with the Workhouse extension, upon the same terms as provided in regard to previous Loans received from your Board, viz., interest at 3½ per cent. per annum, and the re-payments to be made by equal half-yearly sums, representing principal and interest, combined within a period of 30 years.

I shall be glad to learn that your Board have resolved to advance the money.

The formal consent of the Local Government Board to the proposed mode and period of re-payment will be forwarded to you within a few days.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) H. C. MOTT,
Clerk to the Guardians.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

33. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. B. T. Elsmore, dated 16th November, 1883, relative to the necessity for measures being taken for the protection of the public in case of fire in Churches, and especially calling attention to the inadequate means of exit from a Church in Cloudesley-square, Islington.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee; and that Mr. Elsmore be informed that the Board have no jurisdiction with respect to the subject to which his Letter refers.

34. The Clerk presented a Letter from His Grace the Duke of Bedford, dated 19th November, 1883, transmitting a copy of his correspondence with the Corporation, respecting Covent-garden Market, and thanking the Board for their courtesy and attention to his communication to them on the same subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the receipt of the said Letter be acknowledged.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. Harrap, Clerk to the Vestry of Battersea, dated 19th November, 1883, with a copy of a Resolution of the Vestry, expressing their satisfaction with the decision of the Board with respect to the re-building of Battersea Bridge, and the adoption of the scheme submitted by the Wandsworth District Board for the straight approach thereto, and thanking the Board for the consideration shown to the ratepayers of the Parish.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. F. Dewey, Clerk to the Vestry of Islington, dated 20th November, 1883, expressing the desire of the Vestry to support the prayer of the Memorial of the Vestry of Tooting-graveney, urging this Board to obtain Parliamentary power for the more efficient ventilation of the Sewers by other means than open gratings in the road.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. T. W. Marchant, on behalf of the Directors of the Greenwich Pier Company, dated 20th November, 1883, stating that the effect of

the establishment by the Board of a Ferry between Horseferry-road, Greenwich, and the Middlesex side of the River, would be to abstract a most material portion of the traffic from which the Company derived their Tolls, and that they would therefore feel bound to oppose the Board's Bill in its progress through Parliament, and requesting that the Directors might have an opportunity of conferring with a Committee of the Board on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. B. Williams, dated 20th November, 1883, transmitting a copy of correspondence with reference to the line of frontage of some buildings in course of erection, in the Lee-road, Blackheath, and which was stated to be at variance with the line of frontage laid down by the Superintending Architect, and requesting that, as the Plumstead District Board refused to take any action in the matter, this Board would take such steps as they might think proper.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Dethridge, Clerk to the Vestry of Paddington, dated 20th November, 1883, stating that, inasmuch as Mr. Vigers had expressed regret at having by inadvertence raised the gradient of the Sewer in Fermoy-road, and had moreover agreed to raise the surface of the road-way there, so that the surface should be 10 feet 9 inches from the sewer, at the shallowest part, and considering that no basements below the surface of the road were to be made to the houses to be erected in the thoroughfare, the Vestry did not propose to take any further action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto; and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

40. The Clerk presented Letters from Messrs. Morley and Shirreff, on behalf of the principal Rowing Clubs situated on the banks of the River Thames, in the neighbourhood of Putney, dated 13th and 20th November, 1883, respectively, expressing the hope that the Board would oppose the Scheme of the Lower Thames Valley Main Sewerage Board to treat the Sewage of their District by chemical means at Mortlake, and to discharge the clarified effluent water, without any further purification, into the River.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Rev. J. R. Nicholl, Rector of Streatham, dated 17th November, 1883, transmitting a Petition from the Vestry and inhabitants of the Parish, praying the Board to provide a Fire-engine Station and Fire-escape, to be placed as near as possible to Streatham Church, and to place an additional Fire-escape on Balham-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Petition be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration and report.

42. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. L. L. Guibara, dated 21st November, 1883, stating that he had had a severe fall, owing to the accumulation of dirt which was allowed to remain on the Charing-cross Footbridge; complaining of the condition of the incline at the Lambeth end of the Bridge, and stating that only one old man was employed by the South-Eastern Railway Company to cleanse the foot-way; and calling attention to the necessity for opening the foot-way on the West side of the Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded—That Mr. Guibara be informed that the Bridge is under the control of the South-Eastern Railway Company, and that a copy of his Letter be sent to the Company.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Elam—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Solicitor do report to the Committee on the subject.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 15, against it 12, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

43. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Griffin, Secretary of the Surrey Commercial Dock Company, dated 22nd November, 1883, with a Memorial from the Company, submitting, for the reasons stated therein, that no necessity existed for the proposed division of the Parish of Rotherhithe into Wards.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which they relate.

44. The Clerk presented a Letter from Admiral G. Elliot, dated 22nd November, 1883, transmitting a Plan showing two sites for a proposed Swimming-bath at Pimlico, adjacent to Grosvenor-road, and asking for the Board's approval thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

45. It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the motion by Mr. J. Jones, notice of which appears in the paper of business, be now considered.

It was then moved by Mr. J. Jones, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. Lloyd, and resolved—That it be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee to report whether the Board have power to negotiate for the purchase of land adjacent to the Victoria Embankment Gardens, in front of the Adelphi-terrace.

46. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 20th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·1	16·9	17·0	7·6	6·3	7·2	0·0	0·0	0·0	None.
	Camden ..	17·2	16·5	16·9	10·5	8·4	9·6	0·2	0·1	0·2	„
	Dalston ..	17·0	16·7	16·9	15·0	11·8	13·2	0·1	0·0	0·0	„
	Bow	17·3	16·6	17·0	12·6	11·1	11·7	0·9	0·6	0·7	„
	Chelsea	16·6	16·4	16·5	14·0	10·9	12·3	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·4	16·8	17·1	16·9	10·2	13·7	0·1	0·0	0·0	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas) .	21·1	20·8	20·9	11·0	7·5	8·6	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	16·5	16·1	16·4	13·8	11·2	12·1	0·2	0·0	0·1	
	Tooley-street ..	16·4	16·1	16·3	11·0	8·8	10·1	0·4	0·0	0·1	„
	Clapham ..	16·8	16·1	16·5	15·5	8·9	12·5	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham ..	16·9	16·0	16·3	19·3	9·0	13·4	0·8	0·2	0·6	„
Commercial Gas Company.. . ..	Old Ford ..			Station closed for repairs.							
	St. George-in-the-East ..	16.7	16·1	16·3	14·1	8·7	10·2	0·2	0·1	0·2	„

The pressure of Gas as supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company, in Roman-road, Bow, on the 19th instant at 8 p.m., was 2·3 inches.

47. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Turner, District Surveyor for the District of East Islington, for

the consent of the Board to the appointment by him of his son, Mr. John Goldicutt Turner, as his Deputy, for a further period.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that this Board do consent to the appointment by Mr. John Turner, of Mr. John Goldicutt Turner, as his Deputy, and for the performance of the duties of District Surveyor in the District of East Islington, for a further period of Six months from the 10th December next.

48. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. J. O. Parker, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of buildings on the North side of Abbey-street, between Druid-street and Parker's-row, to the advanced line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

49. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Cruwys, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the forecourt of No. 259, Albany-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space separating the proposed shop from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

50. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Pain, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two houses, with shops, on the forecourts of Nos. 448 and 450, Fulham-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

51. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. N. Carter, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop, upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 144, Queen's-road, Peckham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

52. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. H. Jones, for the consent of the Board to the erection of bay-windows, three storeys in height, to six houses on the West side of Lansdowne-road, between Lansdowne House and No. 148, Lansdowne-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

53. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Green, for the consent of the Board to the erection

of one-storey bay-windows upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 21, 23 and 25, Avenue-road, Clapton, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

54. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Smith, on behalf of Mr. F. O. C. Wood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 232, Seven Sisters'-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

55. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 7th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. J. Cox, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey addition on the South side, and at the rear of, No. 253, Portobello-road, abutting on Lancaster-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Freeman, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

56. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Laird, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a wooden porch upon a portion of the forecourt of Norfolk-villa, High-street, at the corner of Honley-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, and that the erection in other respects be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

57. Mile-end Old-town.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Mattison, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 564, Mile-end-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

58. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. J. Kinninmont and Sons, asking the Board to waive the condition attached to their Resolution of the 9th instant (No. 66), as to giving up the surplus ground in front of a one-storey shop proposed to be erected upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 26, Chilworth-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report; and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

59. Rotherhithe. — Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Rickwood, on behalf of Mr. G. M. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a pent roof over a portion of the forecourt of No. 126, Rotherhithe-new-road, at the corner of Abbeyfield-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

60. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Hudson, Son and Booth, on behalf of Mr. J. Ellis, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, with shops, on the South side of Deptford Lower-road, abutting on Riches-place, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

61. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Sewell, on behalf of the proprietors of Brown's Hotel, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a water-closet addition to No. 24, Dover-street, Piccadilly.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

62. Chelsea.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Messrs. Lee and Pemberton, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a covered way at No. 159, Church-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

63. Limehouse.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Williams, on behalf of Mr. E. Rumbold, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at his premises in Short-street, Shadwell.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

64. Limehouse.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Vincent, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a shed at the rear of No. 10, North-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

65. St. George, Hanover-square.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. G. Livingstone, Surveyor to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, asking the Board to waive the conditions attached to their approval of the retention for a further period of the iron buildings at the Vestry's Wharf, Commercial-road, Pimlico.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report; and that the Surveyor to the Vestry be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

66. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Osborn and Russell, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron building on the South side of Malva House, Aldrington-road, Streatham-park.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

67. Woolwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of Messrs.

Siemens Brothers, and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron building at their Telegraph works in Harrington-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

68. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. S. Harte, relative to the erection of houses on the West side of Iffley-road, Hammersmith, Eastward of Carthew-villas.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

69. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Pain, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a mews at the rear of Nos. 448 and 450, Fulham-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

70. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, stating that houses were being erected in certain roads leading out of the Eastern side of Margravine-road, the formation of such roads not having been approved by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

71. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Blyton, on behalf of Dr. Gildersleeves, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a road to lead out of Marsh-hill, Homerton, and of the name "Durrington-road, E." for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

72. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th October, 1883, on a Notice from Mr. J. H. Jones, of his intention to form a road to lead out of Lansdowne-road, Dalston, as shown upon the Plan accompanying such Notice, and to apply the name "Ivydene-road, E.," to the same.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the Notice be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

73. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 31st October, 1883, on a Notice from Mr. J. Hamilton, on behalf of Mr. H. Harper, of his intention to form a road to lead out of the East side of Hornsey-rise, as shown upon the Plan accompanying such Notice, and to apply the name "Crouch-end-crescent, N." to the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Plan for the formation of the road be approved, subject to the gradients of the road being satisfactory to the Vestry of Islington, and on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the proposed name be also approved.

74. Lambeth and Streatham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th October, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. N. Laslett, on behalf of Mr. H. Perry, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of two roads to lead out of Thurlow-park-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

75. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on a further Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of two houses, with shops, on the South side of a narrow way leading from St. John's-hill, Battersea, to the entrance of the Clapham Railway Station.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

76. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. B. Michell, on behalf of the British Land Company (Limited), for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of roads to lead out of West-hill, and of the names "Oakhill-road, S.W." (in continuation), "Galveston-road, S.W.," and "Santos-road, S.W.," for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads.

77. Bermondsey.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Elkington and Son, on behalf of Messrs. Oastler, Palmer and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a drying-shed at their Tannery in Willow-walk, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

78. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Hamilton, on behalf of Mr. J. Harper, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary open shed at the rear of houses in Amhurst-road, West Hackney.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

79. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Snook, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a drying shed at premises abutting on Little Camden-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

80. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. Blatchley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a shed upon land adjoining his house in Rose-hill-road, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

81. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Freeman, on behalf of the Wandsworth and Putney Gas Light and Coke Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of iron sheds at their premises in Lower North-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

82. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November,

1883, on the application of Messrs. Tyser and Balme, for approval by the Board of the erection of shops on the East side of Church-street, Fulham-road, with an open space at the rear thereof, of a less area than that required by the Act.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

83. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. A Payne, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of a Fee for a special service performed by him in certifying as to the cutting away of two chimney-breasts in the party-wall of No. 252, Mare-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 20s. in respect of the special service referred to.

84. East Newington, and part of St. George-the-Matryr, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Lansdown, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of a Fee for a special service performed by him in certifying as to the cutting away of four chimney-breasts in the party-wall between Nos. 127 and 129, Newington-causeway.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 20s. in respect of the special service refered to.

85. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, a License in respect of a temporary iron Church to be erected in Tracey-street, William-street, Kennington.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

86. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th Novembe 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Rowland, on behalf of Sir S. M. Wilson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an additional storey, over the one-storey bay-windows at Nos. 2 to 7, 9 to 14, and 16 to 18, Charlton-terrace, Greenwich and Woolwich-lower-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

87. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 22nd November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of stables, with dwelling rooms over the same, in a Mews at the rear of the Cedar's Hotel, on the West side of North-end-road, without the open spaces at the rear thereof required by the Act.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

88. Mr. Deputy Saunders handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
12th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—I am directed by the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, to inform you that they are availing themselves of a favourable opportunity to acquire the premises No. 45, Ludgate-hill, with a view ultimately of setting them back for the improvement of that thoroughfare, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

This will be in continuation of the Improvement to which your Board have already contributed, and the Commissioners will hereafter submit an Estimate of the cost, in the hope that you will aid them therein as in the previously executed widenings of the same thoroughfare.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H^y. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Deputy Saunders, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

89. Mr. Deputy Saunders handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
12th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers have recently had their attention called to an opportunity afforded by the re-building of the premises, No. 99, Bishopsgate-street Within, which projected beyond the general line of street frontage, to set them back, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

This has now been arranged at a cost of £185, irrespective of the professional expenses, and the Commissioners trust that your Honourable Board will aid them as usual in defraying the said cost.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H^y. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Deputy Saunders, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

90. Mr. Deputy Saunders handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
12th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London have recently effected an Improvement in Pudding-lane, the importance of which your Honourable Board have recognised by contributing one-half of the expense.

The operations of the Railway Company have now enabled the Commissioners to continue such Improvement by setting back the property between the widened portion of the said Lane, and the new line to Eastcheap, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

The cost of this portion of the Improvement has been arranged at £5,500, independent of the professional expenses, and the Commissioners trust that your Honourable Board will aid them therein, with the same liberality as manifested in regard to the previously executed Improvement in the said thoroughfare.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H^y. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Deputy Saunders, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

91. Mr. Deputy Saunders handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
12th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—Referring to the improvement of Wood-street, by setting back the frontage line of property destroyed by the recent fire, I am now directed by the Commissioners of Sewers to inform your Honourable Board that they are availing themselves of a favourable

opportunity to continue the Improvement, by setting back the premises Nos. 61 and 62, Wood-street, at the corner of London-wall, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan, and the Commissioners will, at an early date, furnish an estimate of the cost which will be incurred therein, in the confident expectation that you will liberally aid them in defraying the cost of such Improvement.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H^Y. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Deputy Saunders, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 30th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 16.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **30th** day of **November**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.	Robert Furniss, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	William Urquhart, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.
William Henry Dalton, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.	Thomas Turner, Esq.
	George Phillips, Esq.	William Robson, Esq.
Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	John Runtz, Esq.	WilliamBurnhamGarrett, Esq.
Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.	Sir Charles Whetham, Alderman.	John Jones, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	James Richard Lloyd, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.		Robert Cox, Esq.
George Pitney Meaden, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.	Robert Jones, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 23rd instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. This being the day for receiving Tenders for the supply of materials and the execution of the day, jobbing and measured works required by the Board to be executed in connection with the Main Sewers and Main Drainage Sewers, Pumping and other Stations, and incidental works, within the portion of the Metropolis North of the Thames, shown by Pink colour on the Map or Plan produced, marked "A," for alternative periods of One, Two, or Three years, the Clerk laid before the Board a Tender which he had received pursuant to the Advertisement.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Tender be now opened.

The Tender was then opened, as follows—

Messrs. John Mowlem and Co, Grosvenor Wharf, Westminster, at 20½ per cent. under the prices enumerated in the Schedules, for a period of One, Two, or Three years.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Tender be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

3. Mr. Meaden handed in a Memorial, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District,

SHEWETH,—

That your Memorialists have jurisdiction over the several Parishes of Battersea, Clapham, Putney, Streatham, Tooting, and Wandsworth, comprising a population of about 220,000 inhabitants, which population is rapidly increasing, and having an area of 11,695 acres, and a ratable value of £1,303,215.

That your Memorialists have had under consideration the injustice of the charges made by the Water Companies which supply their District with water, such charges being generally based upon the gross value of the houses and property supplied, in addition to further extra charges, which are sanctioned by the Legislature in respect of baths, additional water-closets, stabling, &c.

That numerous cases occur in which the annual value of premises bears no relation whatever to the quantity of water consumed therein, and your Memorialists are of opinion that consumers should have the right to require water to be supplied by meter.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray your Honourable Board to bring in a Bill, in the next Session of Parliament, to provide that the Metropolitan Water Companies shall be bound to supply water by meter, at a fixed rate to any person requiring the same.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Sealed by Order.

(Signed) G. P. MEADEN,
Chairman.

(Signed) ARTHUR ALEXR. CORSELLIS,
Clerk to the Board.

L. S.

Battersea-rise, S.W.,
28th November, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Meaden, seconded, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

4. Mr. Ingoldby handed in a Letter, as follows—

Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex.

Vestry Clerk's Office,
Vestry Hall, City-road,
23rd November, 1883.

RE-PAVING OF WHITECROSS-STREET.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Vestry of this Parish to apply to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction to the borrowing by the Vestry of the sum of £2,000 to carry out the works above mentioned, and more particularly described in the Report of the Surveyor to the Vestry accompanying this Letter.

I am further directed to ask the Board to advance the sum named; the re-payment to be spread over a term of 20 years, and to be made by equal annual instalments of £100.

Yours, &c.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

(Signed) G. W. PRESTON,
Vestry Clerk.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

5. Mr. Bradfield handed in a Memorial, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Upper Holloway Ratepayers' Association meeting at Holloway Hall, Islington, Middlesex, on Wednesday, the 17th day of October, 1883.

SHEWETH—

1.—That by the 5th Section of the Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855, it is enacted as follows:—"When at any time upon any account taken of the population by the authority

'of Parliament, the relative numbers of the inhabited houses in the several Wards of any "Parish, divided into Wards as aforesaid, are found to have varied from those shown by the "last previous Census, it shall be lawful for the Metropolitan Board of Works, upon the "application of the Vestry, or any Ratepayers of such Parish, to alter the number of 'Vestrymen assigned to such Wards, or any of them, but so that the number of Vestrymen "assigned to each Ward shall be a number divisible by three."

2.—In the year 1855, when the Act was put in force, the Wards of the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, eight in number, and named as under, had assigned to them the number of Vestrymen set forth, as follows—

No. and Name of Ward.	Number of Vestrymen to each Ward.
No. 1. Upper Holloway	15
„ 2. Lower Holloway	15
„ 3. Highbury	18
„ 4. Thornhill	15
„ 5. Barnsbury	12
„ 6. St. Mary's	12
„ 7. Canonbury	15
„ 8. St. Peter's	18
	120

3.—In the year 1873 the inhabited houses in some of the Wards of the Parish had largely increased, more particularly in Wards 1 and 3, but in Ward No. 1 in a marked and extraordinary degree. The Statute average of the various Wards is as under, showing a total of 3,107 acres, that of No. 1 Ward alone being 1,030 acres, or very nearly one-third of the acreage of the whole Parish. In 1857 the larger part of Ward No. 1 was not built upon, and in Ward No. 3 there was a deal of land open for building purposes.

The following Table shows the acreage of the various Wards—

No. and name of Ward.	Acreage of each Ward.
No. 1. Upper Holloway	1,030
„ 2. Lower Holloway	414
„ 3. Highbury	805
„ 4. Thornhill	172
„ 5. Barnsbury	141
„ 6. St. Mary's	148
„ 7. Canonbury	234
„ 8. St. Peter's	163
	3,107

4.—In consequence of the large increase in the number of inhabited houses in some of the Wards of the Parish in the year 1873, your Honourable Board re-arranged and altered the Vestry representation, as appears by the following extract from the Minutes of your Honourable Board, dated the 30th May, 1873, viz.—

It was Ordered that the number of Vestrymen assigned to the several Wards of the said Parish of St. Mary, Islington, be as follows, that is to say—

Ward No. 1.	Altered from	15	to 24	Members.
„ „ 2.	As at present	15	„ 15	„
„ „ 3.	Altered from	18	to 24	„
„ „ 4.	„	15	„ 12	„
„ „ 5.	„	12	„ 9	„
„ „ 6.	„	12	„ 9	„
„ „ 7.	„	15	„ 12	„
„ 8.	„	18	„ 15	„
		120	120	Members.

5.—The following tabular statement shows the position of the eight Wards in the years ending Lady-day, 1873, and Lady-day, 1883, as to inhabited houses (or assessments), population and ratable value—

Number and Name of Ward.	Number of Assessments at Lady-day, 1873.	Number of Assessments at Lady-day, 1883.	Ratable Annual Value at Lady-day, 1873.	Ratable Annual Value at Lady-day, 1883.	Population at Census of 1871.	Population at Census of 1881.
No. 1. Upper Holloway...	6,389	10,395	£204,057	£376,098	34,743	67,946
„ 2. Lower Holloway...	3,724	4,609	133,305	178,886	29,137	37,191
„ 3. Highbury	5,667	8,071	209,198	314,263	30,898	52,048
„ 4. Thornhill	3,323	3,788	99,716	119,114	31,257	32,905
„ 5. Barnsbury ...	2,543	2,603	78,265	88,399	19,254	21,984
„ 6. St. Mary's... ...	2,146	2,527	91,082	109,642	14,790	15,192
„ 7. Canonbury ...	3,058	3,261	117,412	119,327	24,412	25,842
„ 8. St. Peter's... ...	3,605	3,368	104,134	116,169	29,290	29,757
	30,455	38,622	£1,037,169	1,421,898	213,781	282,865
				115,183		
				£1,537,081		

6.—The numbers of the inhabited houses of the eight Wards of the Parish, in 1871 and in 1881, according to the Census taken in those years respectively, were as follows—

No. and Name of Ward.	No. of inhabited houses in 1871.	No. of inhabited houses in 1881.
No. 1. Upper Holloway	4,844	8,431
„ 2. Lower Holloway	3,412	3,763
„ 3. Highbury	4,440	7,129
„ 4. Thornhill	3,258	3,406
„ 5. Barnsbury	2,370	2,533
„ 6. St. Mary's	1,997	1,986
„ 7. Canonbury	3,320	3,305
„ 8. St. Peter's	3,443	3,493
	27,079	34,046

7.—Dividing 38,622 Assessments by 120 (the number of Vestrymen given to the Parish), shows 321 Assessments to each Vestryman, and dividing the Assessments of each Ward by 321, the following result appears—

No. and Name of Ward.	Number of Vestrymen given by numerical calculation of one Vestryman to every 321 Assessments.
No. 1. Upper Holloway	321)10,395(32 Vestrymen $\frac{123}{321}$
„ 2. Lower Holloway	321) 4,609(14 „ $\frac{115}{321}$
„ 3. Highbury	321) 8,071(25 „ $\frac{46}{321}$
„ 4. Thornhill	321) 3,788(11 „ $\frac{257}{321}$
„ 5. Barnsbury	321) 2,603(8 „ $\frac{35}{321}$
„ 6. St. Mary's	321) 2,527(7 „ $\frac{280}{321}$
„ 7. Canonbury...	321) 3,261(10 „ $\frac{59}{321}$
„ 8. St. Peter's	321) 3,368(10 „ $\frac{158}{321}$

In regard to the above statement, it is right to mention that in St. Peter's Ward (No. 8), a large number of houses have been pulled down, under Sir Richard Cross's Act, to make way for Model Lodging-houses. The ground was vacant at Lady-day, 1883, when the Return of the number of Assessments of Ward 8 was made; probably when this vacant ground is re-built upon, the old number of its Assesments will be again reached. Upon this theory the

calculation would show about Eleven Vestrymen to belong to that Ward, and put it on a level with Thornhill Ward (No. 4).

8.—Under the above circumstances, and having regard to the necessity, under the Act of Parliament, of assigning to each Ward such a number as to make the out-going Members equal in number every third year, it is suggested by your Memorialists that your Honourable Board should make an alteration of the Vestry representation of the said Parish in manner following, that is to say—

Ward No.	1.	To be altered from	24	to 33	Members.
„ „	2.	As at present	15	15	„
„ „	3.	„	24	24	„
„ „	4.	„	12	12	„
„ „	5.	„	9	9	„
„ „	6.	To be altered from	9	to 6	„
„ „	7.	„	12	„ 9	„
„ „	8.	„	15	„ 12	„
			120	120	Members.

Your Memorialists therefore pray your Honourable Board to make an alteration in the Vestry representation of the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, in accordance with the suggestions herein contained, and to make such Order, and give such directions in that behalf to carry out the same, as may be deemed necessary by your Honourable Board.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) GEORGE WILLIS, L.S.A.L.,
Lake House, Hornsey-rise,
And 3 others.

It was moved by Mr. Bradfield, seconded, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

6. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 26th November, 1883.

Under the authority conferred upon them, your Committee have drawn the following Cheques—

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Queen Victoria-street.		
Re Bathurst's Charity—(2575)—			
Heales, A.—			
427	Proportion of rent-charge in lieu of Land-tax in respect of No. 27, Bucklersbury, from Christmas, 1881, to 9th November, 1883 (less Tax)	9 9 11	
Re Heales—(2576)—			
Heales and Son—			
428	Costs of Title and Conveyance in respect of Land-tax, No 27, Bucklersbury	10 – –	
			19 9 11
	Appold-street.		
Re Clemmans—(2577)—			
Smith, E., and Co.—			
404	Taxed Costs of permanent investment in land ...		76 5 1
	Streets (Act of 1877).		
Re Baker and others (Gray's-inn-road)—(2578)—			
Merediths, Roberts and Mills—			
6596	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	49 4 –	
	Carried forward	£49 4 –	95 15 –

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	49 4 –	95 15 –
Re Bigg and others (Piccadilly)—(2579)—		
Prior, Bigg, Church and Adams—		
6597 Costs of Title and Conveyance	31 10 –	
Re Cumberlege (Piccadilly)—(2580)—		
Cumberlege, Miss A. J.—		
6598 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 69, Dudley-street, Soho...	1,200 – –	
Romaine, Walker and Tanner—		
6599 Surveyors' Fees as per Contract	19 19 –	
Re Hewitt (Piccadilly)—(2581)—		
Hewitt, R.—		
6600 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 62, Dudley-street, Soho...	1,200 – –	
Fuller and Fuller—		
6601 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	19 19 –	
		2,520 12 –
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).		
Re Hazell (Battersea)—(2582 and 2583)—		
Tweedie, A. F. and R. W.—		
552 Costs of production of Deeds and of Declarations as to Title relative to Everington's Estates...	9 – 4	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
553 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	60 – –	
Re Chapman (Putney)—(2584)—		
Chapman, W.—		
554 Purchase-money for Freehold interest in the "Red Lion" Public-house, Bridge Wharf	5,650 – –	
Lewis, F., and Co.—		
555 Surveyors' Fee, as per order of Committee ...	44 2 –	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
556 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	28 5 –	
		5,791 7 4
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Crapnell (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2585)—		
Ratcliffe, T. W., and Son—		
5022 Costs of Title and Conveyance	24 – –	
Re Glynes and others (Goulston-street)—(2586)—		
Hume and Bird—		
5023 Costs of Title and Conveyance in respect of Messrs. Ellis and Bird's share	12 9 4	
		36 9 4
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Legg (Tooley-street extension)—(2587)—		
Bridger and Collins—		
970 Proportion of Tenant's rent of No. 181, Tooley-street, from Midsummer to 7th November, 1883 (less Tax)	20 19 3	
Carried forward	£20 19 3	8,444 3 8

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	20 19 3	8,444 3 8
Re Commissioners of H.M. Woods, &c. (Piccadilly)—(2588)—		
Higgins, W. C.—		
971 Rent of premises in New Oxford-street and Bloomsbury-street, from Lady-day to 23rd June, 1883 (less Tax)	56 17 9	
		77 17 -
		£8,522 - 8

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques as follows, in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand longer than Three months—

Streets (*Act of* 1877).

Re Thomas (Kentish-town-road)—(976)—	
Thomas, D. C.—	
6602 Purchase-money	£50 - -
Reid, R.—	
6603 Surveyor's Fee	5 5 -
	£55 5 -

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter from Dr. Griffiths, Medical Officer of Health for the Parish of Clerkenwell, representing that Bishop's-court, Smith's-place, and Slade's-place are unhealthy areas for the purposes of the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, referred by the Board on the 28th September last (No. 95). The three areas in question are of very limited size, comprising only 12, 13, and 17 houses respectively, and your Committee are of opinion that it is impracticable to prepare Schemes, under the Artizans' Dwellings Acts, for small areas of this nature. In accordance, therefore, with the course adopted in other similar cases, they recommend—

> That the Medical Officer and the Secretary of State be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the areas in question are not within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, but should be dealt with under Torrens' Acts, or by some other means.

The appointment of Mr. J. Ollis on the staff has rendered it necessary to employ another Copying Clerk in his place in your Clerk's Department, and your Committee, having conferred with your Clerk, recommend—

> That Mr. C. Webb be employed for this purpose, in a temporary and not in an established capacity, as a Copying Clerk in the Clerk's Department, the employment to be on the terms and conditions specified in the Resolution of the Board of 20th May, 1881, and that his engagement be determinable at a week's notice.

Your Committee have considered the Notice, referred to them on the 16th instant (No. 31), from the New River Company, of their intention to give, on and after the 12th of March, 1884, a constant supply of Water to a portion of the Parish of Saint Pancras. The supply is proposed to be given in the part of the Parish known as Ward No. 6, and your Committee, having conferred with your Engineer, see no reason to dissent from the proposal. They beg to recommend the Board to adopt that view.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 16th instant (No. 39), from Messrs. Edwards, Allen and Kitchins, relative to the danger arising from

the storage of rags; also from the low chimneys in Smiths', Engineers' and other manufacturing premises in London. Your Committee recommend—

That a communication be addressed to Messrs. Edwards, Allen and Kitchins, thanking them for their Letter.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
JOHN RUNTZ,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
W. H. DALTON,
Wm. DEBENHAM,
GEO. EDWARDS,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
Wm. SHEPHERD,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
GEO. HILL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Official Representation from the Medical Officer of Health for Clerkenwell, relative to Bishop's-court, Smith's-place, and Slade's-place, be approved; and that the Medical Officer and the Secretary of State be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the areas referred to are not within the scope of the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, but that they should be dealt with under Torrens' Acts, or by some other means.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. C. Webb be employed, in a temporary and not in an established capacity, as a Copying Clerk in the Clerk's Department, the employment to be on the terms and conditions specified in the Resolution of the Board of 20th May, 1881, and now applied to the Copying Clerks in all the Departments, and to be determinable at any time by a week's notice.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board see no reason to dissent from the proposal contained in the Notice from the New River Company, dated 12th November, 1883, of their intention to give a constant supply of Water throughout the District or area in the Parish of St. Pancras, described in the Notice.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Messrs. Edwards, Allen and Kitchins be thanked for their Letter, relative to the danger arising from the storage of rags in low and closely-populated districts, and from low and dangerous chimneys at Smiths' Engineers', and other manufacturing premises in London.

7. Mr. Edwards, on behalf of Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 27th November, 1883.

Your Committee have considered the further Letter from the Saint Olave's District Board, on the subject of the recent fire at Butler's Wharf, the Letter having been referred by the Board on the 23rd instant. With the first Letter from the District Board on this subject was sent a copy of a Letter from Mr. Lafone, the owner of Butler's Wharf, in which, among other things, he complained that it was 40 minutes after the fire broke out before the first manual Engine arrived, and he expressed the opinion that the steam Fire-engines now in use were not sufficiently powerful for extinguishing fires in high buildings. Upon the latter point the Chief Officer of the Brigade stated that these Engines had been proved, by experience, to be the most suitable for Fire Brigade work, and that, although there might be a few parts of London where larger Engines might occasionally be used, Bermondsey

was not one of them. The substance of the Chief Officer's Report was, by direction of the Board on the 2nd instant, communicated to the District Board. The further Letter from the District Board, referred to your Committee last Friday, was in reply to that communication. With reference to the statement that Bermondsey is not a place where larger Engines could be used with advantage, the District Board states that the wharves and warehouses in the Saint Olave's District are the largest and loftiest in the Metropolis, and that therefore the District is one where the most powerful Engines are required. The Chief Officer of the Brigade, in expressing the opinion that larger Engines could not be used with advantage in this District, had in view the conditions of the Water supply. The Water pipes are not sufficiently large to afford an adequate supply of Water to a number of powerful Engines. The Chief Officer is, of course, aware that the wharves and warehouses of the District are very large and lofty, and that, if there were an abundant supply of Water, the largest Engines could be used with advantage. As the observations in the second Letter from the District Board are due to a misapprehension of the meaning of what was stated in the Board's reply to the first Letter, your Committee are of opinion that it would be well to explain more clearly what was intended. With regard to the other points referred to in the previous communication, namely, the late attendance of the Engines and the cutting of the Hose, the District Board state that the information given to this Board must have been very different from the statements made to the District Board, and therefore suggests that the truth should be elicited by an enquiry on the spot. As, however, a full Report was made in the first instance by the Chief Officer, and carefully considered by your Committee, it does not appear that any advantage would be gained by a further enquiry. Your Committee recommend—

That a communication to the effect of this Report be addressed to the Saint Olave's District Board.

Your Committee regret to state that four serious instances of misconduct on the part of Firemen have been reported by the Chief Officer. They are as follows—George R. Simpson, a Second-class Fireman, was reported for being drunk, and fighting in the street; George Loomes, a Third-class Fireman, for creating a disturbance and making use of improper language to the Police while on duty; Alfred Hawes, a Fourth-class Fireman, for being late in returning from duty with a Fire-escape, and refusing to do other duty; and Henry Ingleton, also a Fourth-class Fireman, for being insolent and using improper language to his Officer. Your Committee are under the necessity of recommending—

That these four men be dismissed.

Your Committee have to report that First-class Fireman George Boulden, Second-class Fireman George F. Roberts, Third-class Fireman James N. G. Buckett, and Fourth-class Fireman Oliver Douglas have withdrawn from the service, and that their names have accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Your Committee have to recommend—

That the following promotions be made, viz.—Second-class Fireman Henry S. Swain to the First Class; Third-class Firemen John Lewis and William G. Haines to the Second Class; Fourth-class Firemen, John Parncutt, John G. Taylor and Hector T. Dawson to the Third Class.

Your Committee have further to recommend—

That George B. Wickens, Frederick W. Shields, Duncan Russell, and James C. W. Bruce be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen to fill vacancies.

Your Committee have to report, for the information of the Board, that they have

authorised four additional hose-carts, of an improved pattern, to be obtained at a cost of £9 7s. 6d. each.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEO. EDWARDS,
W. R. SELWAY,
Wm. ROBSON,
GEO. HILL,
ROB$_{T.}$ JONES.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the further Letter from the St. Olave's District Board on the subject of the recent fire at Butler's Wharf be approved, and that a reply, in the terms of the Report, be addressed to the District Board.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded, and resolved—That Second-class Fireman George R. Simpson, Third-class Fireman George Loomes, and Fourth-class Firemen Alfred Hawes and Henry Ingleton be dismissed for misconduct.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded, and resolved — That the following promotions be made, viz.—Second-class Fireman Henry S. Swain to the First Class; Third-class Firemen John Lewis and William G. Haines to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Firemen John Parnell, John G. Taylor and Hector T. Dawson to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded, and resolved—That George B. Wickens, Frederick W. Shields, Duncan Russell, and James C. W. Bruce be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

8. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 27th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letter from the Owners of the Alcazar Theatre, in High Holborn, asking for the Board's Certificate as to the completion of the Theatre, referred by the Board, on the 28th September last (No. 93). The Theatre was closed on the 16th January last, and the Board, in accordance with the recommendation of your Committee, on the 16th February last (No. 9), sealed a Notice containing Twenty Requisitions with respect to the alterations necessary for remedying the serious structural defects of the building. The requirements of the Board were not formally appealed against by the Owners, but an application was made on their behalf by Mr. Verity, for approval of amended Drawings, embodying certain modifications of the prescribed works. The Board, however, in the interest of the public safety, declined, on the 9th March last (No. 8), to assent to any departure from the terms of their Notice. Upon the receipt of the communication announcing the completion of the alterations, an inspection of the premises was made by your Superintending Architect, who reported that, in several particulars, the Board's Requisitions had not been complied with: the chief default being the non-removal of the wall across the Northern end of French-horn-yard. The necessity for completing the works without delay was urged upon the Owners, and your Superintending Architect has since reported that the whole of the alterations required by the Board's Notice have been made. It is proposed to re-open Theatre to the public in December, and your Committee recommend—

> That the Lord Chamberlain be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the License of the Theatre may now be issued for the full term.

Your Committee have also to report that they have, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 10th August last (No. 12), conferred, through their Sub-Committee,

with Mr. John Hudson, the Architect to the Owner of the Pavilion Theatre, in Whitechapel-road, upon the subject of the structural defects of that building. The Requisitions contained in the Board's draft Notice, as printed in their Minutes of the above date, were Twenty-nine in number. This total has not been altered, but in the course of the revision of the Requisitions it has been found advisable to slightly vary their order, so as to bring together those relating to the same part of the house. Your Committee are of opinion that the First of the original Requisitions, relative to the Whitechapel-road entrance, may be modified by reducing the width of the piers so as to improve the access. They also concur with the Architect to the Owner in the suggestion to line the ceiling over all parts of the exits leading into Whitechapel-road and Baker's-row with sheet iron, and to vary the Third Requisition accordingly. In lieu of closing up the door-way on the ground floor level, between the Theatre premises and the house No. 84, Whitechapel-road, with brickwork, as mentioned in the Fourth Requisition, your Committee have agreed to the proposal to provide an iron door for that opening. With regard to the Seventh, Eighth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth of the original Requisitions, the Architect to the Owner has submitted three Drawings showing proposed new stairs and entrances, in place of the alterations suggested by the Board, and these Drawings, after full consideration, have received the approval of your Committee. The formation of a central gangway in the pit, and in the pit stalls, as required by the Ninth and Tenth Requisitions, has been objected to, and your Committee are of opinion that these requirements may be waived, provided the side gangways are made 3 feet 6 inches wide. The Sixteenth of the original Requisitions relates to the separation of the Theatre proper from adjoining premises, and from such portions of the Theatre as are used for dressing-rooms and stores, and your Committee have adopted the suggestion made on behalf of the Owner that such separation may be effected, so far as horizontal structures are concerned, by means of ceilings lined with sheet iron. The use of the same materia has also been approved as a covering for the floors for the dressing-rooms referred to in the Twenty-first of the original Requisitions. With respect to the new teak staircases mentioned in the Twentieth of such Requisitions, your Committee are of opinion that it is only necessary to insist upon the first flights of such staircases being constructed of that wood. The proposal to substitute a stone staircase for the teak ladder required at the back of the stage has been accepted as an alternative by your Committee, and inserted in the Twenty-seventh original Requisition. Your Committee have now to report that they are of opinion that a revised Notice, containing the following requirements, should be served upon the Owner—

1.—That the ornamental columns, gates, and steps to the Whitechapel-road entrance be removed, and the steps re-arranged.

2.—That the two door-ways leading to the pit and balcony vestibule, next Whitechapel-road, be widened to 7 feet, and 4 feet 6 inches, respectively.

3.—That the ceiling over all parts of the exits leading into Whitechapel-road, and over the pit and gallery exits leading into Baker's-row, be lined with sheet or corrugated iron, not less than one-eighth of an inch thick.

4.—That a wrought-iron door, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself, be provided to the door-way on the ground-floor level between the Theatre premises and the house, No. 84, Whitechapel-road; and that the opening between the urinals on the ground floor and the factory adjoining be stopped up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such opening is situate.

5.—That the pay-box in the entrance corridor from Whitechapel-road be removed.

6.—That the barriers in the entrance corridor from Whitechapel-road be removed, and new hinged barriers to fold back against the walls substituted.

7.—That the Northern end of the pit saloon be rounded off, as shown on the Drawing submitted by the Architect to the Owner; that the Northernmost pier, and the wall separating the pit lobby and the pit from the balcony entrance lobby and staircase, be removed; and a new lobby formed to the pit, as shown on the said Drawing.

8.—That the wall between the pit refreshment-bar and the pit-lobby be removed; that the width of the lobby be increased by removing the partition between the lobby and the ladies' room and store-room adjoining, and that such lobby be enclosed on the East side with a brick wall, not less than 9 inches thick; and that the door-way to the pit be increased in width to 7 feet 6 inches.

9.—That the flap seats on the West side of the pit be removed, and a clear gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, formed on the East and West sides of the pit, as shown on the Drawing submitted by the Architect to the Owner.

10.—That gangways, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed on both sides of the pit stalls; and that a door-way, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the partition between the pit and the pit stalls on the West side.

11.—That the pass door and gangway between the stalls and pit, on the East side, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

12.—That the passage-way at the rear of the private boxes, on the ground floor and first floor, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

13.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of easy rise, be formed on each side of the gallery, and a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, formed around the back of the last row of seats.

14.—That the pit exit door-way, on the East side of the house, be increased in width to 6 feet, and that the iron column in the pit and gallery lobby next Baker's-row be removed.

15.—That the present balcony staircase on the West side of the house be removed, and a new staircase constructed in its stead; that such new staircase be continued up to the topmost level of the gallery, for the use of the gallery audience in case of emergency; that the steps of such staircase be constructed of solid York, or other approved stone, with steps and landings 5 feet wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick; and that such staircase do have a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

16.—That the present gallery staircase on the East side of the house be removed, and be re-constructed of a width of 5 feet, in a similar manner to the staircase last described; and that the staircase to the rooms over the gallery entrance next Baker's-row be re-constructed, as shown on the Drawings submitted by the Architect to the Owner.

17.—That the Theatre proper be separated from adjoining premises, and from such portions of the Theatre premises as are used as dwelling-rooms, store-rooms, dressing-rooms, workshops, or wardrobes, vertically by brick walls, and horizontally by proper party structures, or that the ceilings separating such adjoining premises, or portions of the Theatre, be lined with iron not less than one-eighth of an inch thick; and that any openings formed in such walls be closed by wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves.

18.—That the opening between the beer cellar in the basement and the space under the pit, be stopped up with brickwork 9 inches thick.

19.—That all single steps in the floor of the auditorium be abolished, and inclined planes substituted, and that the floor of the new exit passage from the

auditorium leading into Whitechapel-road be laid to a regular fall without steps.

20.—That the door-ways between the stage and the stage entrance in Baker's-row be re-arranged, so as to afford a direct means of exit, and that such door-ways be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

21.—That two wooden staircases, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, the first flights of teak, be provided to the dressing rooms at the rear of the stage, and to the upper floors of the house in Baker's-row, on the East side of the Theatre respectively.

22.—That the floors of the dressing-rooms over the carpenters' shop and scene dock, and the houses in Baker's-row, be formed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board; or be lined with iron one-eighth of an inch thick.

23.—That all the windows of the Theatre, overlooking adjoining premises, be fitted with wrought-iron hoppers.

24.—That such portions of the wooden ventilators as rise above the roof of the Theatre be re-constructed of iron, or of other fire-resisting materials.

25.—That the dressing-rooms be re-arranged, and be lighted and ventilated from the external air, and that the passage-ways to the dressing-rooms be increased in width to 3 feet.

26.—That a hinged step ladder of teak, or a stone staircase, be provided at the back of the stage, so as to render the existing door-way available as a means of exit into Caroline-place.

27.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout iron wire guards.

28.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, landings, and flights of steps where not already provided.

29.—That all exit doors, with the exception of those described in Requisition No. 20, be made at least 4 feet 6 inches wide, and be hung in two folds; and that all doors throughout the building be made to open outwards.

Your Committee recommend—

That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 27th July last (No. 13), your Committee have conferred, through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner of the National Standard Theatre, in Shoreditch High-street, upon the subject of the structural defects of the building. The Requisitions made by the Board in respect of the building were twenty-one in number, and although several of them have been objected to by the Owner, the alternative propositions submitted in writing by his Architect, after ample time had been allowed for their preparation, are not, in the opinion of your Committee, sufficiently explicit or satisfactory to justify any material departure from the terms of the Board's draft Notice. In the sixth Requisition, your Committee have introduced as an alternative a provision for caging in the gallery at the head of the lower circle staircase with wrought-iron bars. In the Eighth Requisition the width of the new entrance required from the pit stalls has been fixed at not less than 4 feet 6 inches. With regard to the Twelfth Requisition, your Committee have required that any door-ways that may be made in the walls between the scene-dock on the West side of the Theatre and the premises of the North London Railway, shall be closed with iron doors or shutters. These are the only modifications of the draft Notice, beyond a few verbal emendations, that have received the approval of your Committee, who are of opinion

that a revised Notice, containing the following requirements, should be served upon the Owner—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that the existing wing walls be permitted to be utilised, so far as they are serviceable, in the construction of the proscenium wall; that not more than three openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening; that no openings be formed above the level of the stage; and that all openings in such walls be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the Theatre be separated from all adjoining premises used as dwelling-rooms, stores, or for any purpose other than that of the Theatre, vertically by brick walls, and horizontally by proper party structures, and that all openings between the Theatre and such adjoining premises be stopped up with brickwork, in cement, the full thickness of the walls in which such openings are situated.

3.—That the pit-stall entrance from George-street, be made 6 feet wide throughout, and be separated from the entrance to the dwelling-house adjoining on the East, by a brick wall not less than 9 inches thick, and do have a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

4.—That the staircase from the balcony to the upper circle, and the pass staircase between the dress circle and the upper circle, be re-built; that the steps and landings of such staircases be constructed of solid tooled York, or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and ceilings formed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

5.—That the staircase from the ground floor to the lower circle be re-built; that the steps and landings of such staircase be constructed of solid tooled York, or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

6.—That a brick wall, not less than 9 inches thick, be built on the North side of the staircase to the upper circle, to separate such staircase from the wardrobe and saloon adjoining; and that the gallery at the head of the lower circle staircase be enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board, or be caged in by wrought-iron bars, one inch square, placed 6 inches apart.

7.—That the subterranean tunnel under the pit be blocked up, and that the wooden staircases leading to the same be removed, and the flooring made good.

8.—That a new entrance from the street, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, enclosed on all sides with brickwork, or other fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board, be provided to the pit stalls on the West side of the Theatre.

9.—That a new entrance and staircase be provided to the gallery on the West side of the Theatre, that such entrance be not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and be enclosed upon all sides with brickwork, or other fire-resisting materials to be

approved by the Board, and that such staircase be of similar dimensions and construction to the staircase described in Requisition No. 4.

10.—That the passage-way between the houses, Nos. 57 and 58, Holywell-lane, be cleared of all obstructions, and be made available as a means of exit; and that the openings in the wall on the West side be stopped up with brickwork, the full thickness of such wall, and that such passage-way be separated from the premises under and over by floors of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

11.—That the carriage-way adjoining the North London Railway be cleared of all obstructions, and be made available as a means of exit; that the openings in the walls enclosing the same be bricked up; and that such carriage-way be separated from the premises over by a floor of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

12.—That the scene-dock on the West side of the Theatre be separated from the North London Railway premises adjoining by brick walls not less than 9 inches thick, and that any openings formed in such walls be closed by wrought-iron doors, similar in all respects to those described in Requisition No. 1, or by revolving iron-shutters.

13.—That the pit refreshment bar and the pay-box adjoining be removed.

14.—That a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the orchestra stalls, pit stalls, and pit.

15.—That a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the upper circle.

16.—That a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the gallery; that the seats in the angles of the gallery be removed and the flooring made good, and of one level throughout; and that two gangways, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of easy rise, be formed in the gallery, with stout handrails at the lower end of each gangway next the gallery front.

17.—That the doors in the side walls of the entrance corridors out of Shoreditch High-street, be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

18.—That the doors to the private boxes be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the gangway.

19.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

20.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout iron wire guards.

21.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

Your Committee recommend—

That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

Your Committee have further to report that they have been in communication, through their Sub-Committee, with the owner of the two Halls in the building known as the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, upon the subject of the structural defects of the building. The premises consist of a large Hall, next Piccadilly, on the level of the first floor, now in the occupation of Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke, and of a small Hall, called the Drawing-room, at the rear. The Board's Requisitions, as contained in the draft Notice, and printed in their Minutes of the 29th June last (No. 10), were

thirteen in number in the case of the former Hall, and six in respect of the latter. With regard to the large Hall, the Owner proposes to pug the floors mentioned in the First and Fourth Requisitions with Portland cement concrete, and to cover them with wrought-iron plates, and your Committee are of opinion that this proposal may be accepted, and the Requisitions in question modified accordingly. In the case of the Third Requisition, the Owner desires the option of making the new staircase, leading from the ground floor to the Hall, of Portland cement concrete, or terra-cotta, instead of stone, as prescribed by the Board, and these alternatives may, your Committee consider, be inserted in the Notice. The remaining Requisitions have been agreed to, and your Committee are of opinion that a revised Notice, containing the following requirements, should be served upon the Owner in respect of the large Hall, now in the occupation of Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke—

1.—That the floor of the entrance vestibule and staircase-hall be pugged between the joists with Portland cement concrete, 4 inches thick, and that the upper surface of such floor be covered with wrought-iron plates, one-eighth of an inch thick, fitted with butt joints, and well screwed to the floor.

2.—That a brick wall, not less than 9 inches thick, be built on the East side of the staircase-hall on the ground floor, to divide the Hall from the small show-room at the rear of the shop, No. 171, Piccadilly.

3.—That the present wooden staircase, leading from the ground floor to the Hall, be removed, and that a new staircase be constructed in its place; that such new staircase do have solid steps and landings, of York or other approved stone, or of Portland cement concrete, or of terra cotta, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported at both ends upon brick walls 9 inches thick, and that a wall, 9 inches thick, and 4 feet high, be built on the edge of the landing of the staircase on the first floor level, to form a balustrade.

4.—That the wooden floor of the Hall, and the floor under the stage be pugged between the joists with Portland cement concrete, 4 inches thick, and that the upper surface of such floor be covered with wrought-iron plates, one-eighth of an inch thick, fitted with butt joints, and well screwed to the floor.

5.—That the two spiral staircases and the balconies on the East and West sides of the Hall be removed.

6.—That the enclosures forming the entrance lobby to the body of the Hall be removed, and that the doors to the entrance door-way be re-hung.

7.—That a gangway, not less than 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed at the sides of the body of the Hall.

8.—That the openings in the South wall of the Hall, between the Hall and the principal staircase, and the opening between the Hall and the ladies' water-closet be stopped up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such openings are situate.

9.—That the staircase to the gallery, the enclosures and flooring to the ladies' room and water-closet, together with the present wood flooring of the landing at the head of the principal staircase, be removed; and that a new landing be formed, constructed of stone or other fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

10.—That a new staircase be formed to the gallery, constructed of fire-resisting materials, as described in Requisition No. 3, and that the door-way at the head of the gallery stairs be made 4 feet 6 inches wide.

11.—That the opening in the South wall, between the balcony and the passage to the dressing-room at the rear, and also the opening in the South wall

of such dressing-room, be stopped up with brickwork, the full thickness of the walls in which such openings are situate.

12.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings.

13.—That all doors throughout the building be made to open outwards, and be hung in two folds.

With regard to the large Hall your Committee recommend—

That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for his consent to the service of the same; and that upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the premises.

In the case of the smaller Hall in the Egyptian Hall, called the Drawing-room, the Owner stated that it was not intended to renew the License for this portion of the premises. Your Committee have ascertained, however, that the License granted to the Owner on the 11th ultimo was in general terms for the whole building known as the Egyptian Hall, and it therefore seems desirable to accept his offer to give a guarantee that this portion of the premises shall not be used in future for public entertainments, within the meaning of the Licensing Act. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That, under the circumstances, the Board do not, at present, insist upon the requirements of their Notice with respect to the Drawing-room, and that the Owner be required to enter into an undertaking, to be prepared by the Solicitor, not to use such room for the purposes of public music, or of public music and dancing.

Your Committee beg to submit, herewith, two Reports which they have received from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates' Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the works ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

Nos. 1 to 24, Mestaers-buildings, Rotherhithe.
No. 9 Church-street, Bethnal-green.

Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Superintending Architect, from which it appears that a shore which had been placed against the premises No. 3, Fullwood's-rents, Holborn, had become dangerous, and that an Order for its removal was made by the Magistrate at the Clerkenwell Police-court on the 6th instant. Your Superintending Architect, as the matter was urgent, instructed Messrs. Greenwood to take down the shore, and your Committee beg to report the fact for the information of the Board, and to recommend—

That the course taken be approved.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. J. C. Humphreys, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building at Blackheath-hill, Greenwich, referred by the Board on the 16th instant (No. 56.) The proposed building will be 40 feet in length, and 8 feet high, and is to be constructed of iron and wood framework, resting upon a brick foundation, and covered externally with corrugated iron. It will be used for the purposes of a Mission-hall, and your Committee see no objection to the application. They recommend—

That it be granted for a period of Two years, upon condition that the applicant do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building, and also upon condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. A. White, on behalf of the Edison Electric Light Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the

construction of an iron smoke-flue at the rear of No. 204, High Holborn, referred by the Board on the 16th instant (No. 58). The proposed shaft will be 48 feet in height, and is to be used for the purpose of lighting the Holborn Restaurant by electricity. It will rest upon an iron stancheon, and will be held in position by galvanized iron wire strands. Your Committee concur with your Superintending Architect in thinking the application objectionable, and they recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have had under consideration the application of Mr. W. Cole, on behalf of Lord Graves and Mr. H. Akerman, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the extension of the formation of Carson-road, West Dulwich, referred by the Board on the 16th instant (No. 62). The amended application shows the new length of road formed by an easy curve into Park-road. The Vestry of Lambeth approve of the present proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the road, and that the name "Carson-road, S.W.," in continuation, be approved for the same.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Mr. J. Peacock, requesting the Board to re-consider his application for their approval of a Plan for the construction of the footings of a wall at the Parish Institute, in Little Grosvenor-street, St. George, Hanover-square, referred by the Board on the 16th instant (No. 64). The Board, on the 13th July last, declined to approve of a Plan for the construction of the wall. Your Committee think that the Board cannot now be advised to depart from that decision, or to give their sanction to the structure; and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. W. J. Cox, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey addition on the South side, and at the rear of No. 253, Portobello-road, abutting on Lancaster-road, Kensington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 55). The flank of the applicant's house is separated from the public way in Lancaster-road by a piece of ground partly enclosed by a brick wall. The proposed erection will be 17 feet 10 inches in advance of the general line of houses, and will project 7 feet 8 inches beyond the flank wall. The Vestry of Kensington object to the proposal, and your Committee, concurring in that view, recommend—

That the application be not granted.

In accordance with the Resolution of the Board on Friday last (No. 58), your Committee have considered the application of Messrs. J. Kinninmont and Sons, asking the Board to waive the condition attached to their Resolution of the 9th instant (No. 66) as to giving up the surplus ground in front of a one-storey shop proposed to be erected on a portion of the forecourt of No. 26, Chilworth-street, Paddington. When the consent of the Board was given to the application on the 9th instant, the usual condition as to giving up the ground in front of the shop was attached to the Board's approval. The applicants now request the Board to withdraw that condition, and they point out that the piece of ground, if given up to the public way, might become a nuisance to themselves and their neighbours. Your Committee, having heard Mr. Kinninmont, and having enquired into the facts of the case, recommend—

That the application be granted, upon condition that the sills and cantilevers of the proposed structure be of stone instead of wood, and that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. G. Livingstone, Surveyor to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, asking the Board to waive the condition attached to their approval of the retention, for a further period, of the iron buildings erected at the Vestry's Wharf, in Commercial-road, Pimlico, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 65). The three temporary iron buildings which are the subject of this

Letter were sanctioned on the 2nd instant, for a period of two years. Mr. Livingstone now states that it would be inconvenient for the Vestry to be required to remove the sheds within so short a time, and your Committee, being of opinion that the limit of time fixed in the case may properly be waived, recommend—

That the request be complied with, on condition that the whole of the works be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from the Vestry of Hampstead, relative to the erection of barriers in Goldhurst-terrace, Broadhurst-gardens, and other roads on the West side of Finchley-new-road, Hampstead, referred by the Board on the 2nd instant (No. 63). Your Committee have conferred with your Solicitor on the matter, and concur in his opinion that legal proceedings should be taken against the persons who have erected the barriers. They recommend—

That the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice accordingly, and, if necessary, to obtain Summonses.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, stating that houses were being erected in certain roads leading out of the Eastern side of Margravine-road, Fulham, the formation of such roads not having been approved by the Board, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 70). The roads referred to appear to be of the statutory width, and your Committee are advised by your Solicitor that it is not a case in which the Board should take any legal proceedings. Your Committee recommend—

That Mr. Moseley be informed that it is not the intention of the Board to take any action in the matter.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of stables, with dwelling-rooms over the same, in a Mews at the rear of the "Cedars Hotel," on the West side of North-end-road, Fulham, without the open spaces at the rear required by the Act, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 87). Your Committee have received a Report from your Solicitor on the application, which relates to a case in which the buildings were erected after the passing of the Act. Your Committee think that the District Surveyor should take action with a view to having the Act complied with, and they recommend—

That the substance of the Solicitor's Report on the subject be communicated to Mr. Moseley, in reply to his Letter.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Lindsay and Co., for approval by the Board of a projecting iron and glass roof over a portion of a yard at Lister-mews, Holloway, referred by the Board on the 9th instant (No. 61). Lister-mews is closed at the East end by a gate and posts. The front of the proposed erection is enclosed to a height of 9 feet with a brick wall, and upon the wall is placed ironwork to support a glazed roof. The Vestry of Islington strongly object to the application, and your Committee recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. J. Jennings, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of a bay-window on the South side of No. 19A, Bryanston-street, Marylebone, referred by the Board on the 16th instant (No. 52). A survey of the premises has been made by your Superintending Architect, from which it appears that the bay-window has been erected on the site of one that existed previously to the house being re-built. Your Committee recommend—

That Mr. Jennings be informed that it is not the intention of the Board to take any action in the matter.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. A. Young, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house, with a bay-window, on the East side

of Pembridge-crescent, Bayswater, at the rear of No. 23, Chepstow-villas, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 16th instant (No. 46). It is proposed to bring the new house out to a line 10 feet 6 inches beyond the main frontage line of Nos. 13 and 14, Pembridge-crescent. The Vestry of Kensington object to the proposal. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter from Mr. H. Jarvis, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of seven houses at the rear of Nos. 10 to 14, Rosemary-road, Peckham, referred by the Board on the 16th instant (No. 61). Your Superintending Architect has surveyed the locality, and finds that the private way by which the houses are approached is 9 feet 3 inches wide, and that the entrance is closed by gates. Under these circumstances your Committee recommend—

That Mr. Jarvis be informed that it is not the intention of the Board to take any action in the matter.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. W. Smith, on behalf of Mr. F. O. C. Wood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 232, Seven Sisters'-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 54). On the 13th July last the Board refused their consent to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the site. The Owner and the Occupier of No. 232 oppose the present application, and your Committee, thinking it objectionable, recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have had under consideration the application of Messrs. Hudson, Son and Booth, on behalf of Mr. J. Ellis, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, with shops, on the South side of Deptford Lower-road, abutting on Riches-place, Rotherhithe, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 60). The amended application shows the new buildings brought out so as to range in a line with the front of the "Prince of Orange" Public-house. The Vestry of Rotherhithe object to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have also considered the Letter from Mr. S. Harte, relative to the erection of houses on the West side of Iffley-road, Hammersmith, Eastward of Carthew-villas, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 68). Your Committee have received a Report on the subject from your Superintending Architect, who has surveyed the locality, from which it appears that there is a piece of ground 80 feet wide between Carthew-villas and Iffley-road. Your Committee concur with your Superintending Architect in thinking it unnecessary to take any action in the matter, and they recommend—

That Mr. Harte be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have considered the further Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of two houses, with shops, on the South side of a narrow way leading from St. John's-hill, Battersea, to the entrance of Clapham Junction Railway Station, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 75). In a Letter, dated the 24th ultimo, the District Board were informed that this Board appeared to have no power to interfere in the matter. The District Board now request that the subject may be re-considered, and that further powers may be obtained in order to prevent the laying out of narrow streets in a similar manner in future. Your Committee recommend—

That the District Board be informed that this Board adhere to their previous Resolution, declining to take any action in the matter.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
WM. DEBENHAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the alterations made for remedying the structural defects of the Alcazar Theatre, in High Holborn, be approved; and that the Lord Chamberlain be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the License of the Theatre may now be issued for the full term.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the Pavilion Theatre, in Whitechapel-road, be approved, and that, with a view to remedying the structural defects of the building, a revised Notice, containing the following Requisitions, be served upon the Owner thereof—

1.—That the ornamental columns, gates, and steps to the Whitechapel-road entrance be removed, and the steps re-arranged.

2.—That the two door-ways leading to the pit and balcony vestibule, next Whitechapel-road, be widened to 7 feet, and 4 feet 6 inches, respectively.

3.—That the ceiling over all parts of the exits leading into Whitechapel-road, and over the pit and gallery exits leading into Baker's-row, be lined with sheet or corrugated iron, not less than one eighth of an inch thick.

4.—That a wrought-iron door not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, hung in a wrought-iron frame, and fixed so as to close of itself, be provided to the door-way on the ground-floor level between the Theatre premises and the house No. 84, Whitechapel-road; and that the opening between the urinals on the ground floor and the factory adjoining be stopped up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such opening is situate.

5.—That the pay-box in the entrance corridor from Whitechapel-road be removed.

6.—That the barriers in the entrance corridor from Whitechapel-road be removed, and new hinged barriers to fold back against the walls substituted.

7.—That the Northern end of the pit saloon be rounded off, as shown on the Drawing submitted by the Architect to the Owner; that the Northernmost pier, and the wall separating the pit lobby and the pit from the balcony entrance lobby and staircase, be removed; and a new lobby formed to the pit, as shown on the said Drawing.

8.—That the wall between the pit refreshment-bar and the pit-lobby be removed; that the width of the lobby be increased by removing the partition between the lobby and the ladies' room and store-room adjoining, and that such lobby be enclosed on the East side with a brick wall not less than 9 inches thick; and that the door-way to the pit be increased in width to 7 feet 6 inches.

9.—That the flap seats on the West side of the pit be removed, and a clear gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, formed on the East and West sides of the pit, as shown on the Drawing submitted by the Architect to the Owner.

10.—That gangways, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed on both sides of the pit stalls; and that a door-way, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed in the partition between the pit and the pit stalls on the West side.

11.—That the pass door and gangway between the stalls and pit, on the East side, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

12.—That the passage-way at the rear of the private boxes, on the ground floor and first floor, be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

13.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of easy rise, be formed on each side of the gallery, and a clear space 3 feet 6 inches wide formed around the back of the last row of seats.

14.—That the pit exit door-way, on the East side of the house, be increased in width to 6 feet, and that the iron column in the pit and gallery lobby next Baker's-row be removed.

15.—That the present balcony staircase on the West side of the house be removed, and a new staircase constructed in its stead; that such new staircase be continued up to the topmost level of the gallery, for the use of the gallery audience in case of emergency; that the steps of such staircase be constructed of solid York or other approved stone, with steps and landings 5 feet wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick; and that such staircase do have a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

16.—That the present gallery staircase on the East side of the house be removed, and be re-constructed of a width of 5 feet, in a similar manner to the staircase last described; and that the staircase to the rooms over the gallery entrance next Baker's-row be re-constructed, as shown on the Drawings submitted by the Architect to the Owner.

17.—That the Theatre proper be separated from adjoining premises, and from such portions of the Theatre premises as are used as dwelling-rooms, store-rooms, dressing-rooms, workshops, or wardrobes, vertically by brick walls, and horizontally by proper party structures, or that the ceilings separating such adjoining premises, or portions of the Theatre, be lined with iron not less than one-eighth of an inch thick; and that any openings formed in such walls be closed by wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves.

18.—That the opening between the beer cellar in the basement and the space under the pit, be stopped up with brickwork 9 inches thick.

19.—That all single steps in the floor of the auditorium be abolished, and inclined planes substituted, and that the floor of the new exit passage from the auditorium leading into Whitechapel-road be laid to a regular fall without steps.

20.—That the door-ways between the stage and the stage entrance in Baker's-row be re-arranged, so as to afford a direct means of exit, and that such door-ways be increased in width to 3 feet 6 inches.

21.—That two wooden staircases, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, the first flights of teak, be provided to the dressing-rooms at the rear of the stage, and to the upper floors of the house in Baker's-row on the East side of the Theatre respectively.

22.—That the floors of the dressing-rooms over the carpenter's shop and scene-dock, and the houses in Baker's-row, be formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board; or be lined with iron one-eighth of an inch thick.

23.—That all the windows of the Theatre, overlooking adjoining premises, be fitted with wrought-iron hoppers.

24.—That such portions of the wooden ventilators as rise above the roof of the Theatre be re-constructed of iron, or of other fire-resisting materials.

25.—That the dressing-rooms be re-arranged, and be lighted and ventilated

from the external air, and that the passage-ways to the dressing-rooms be increased in width to 3 feet.

26.—That a hinged step ladder of teak, or a stone staircase, be provided at the back of the stage, so as to render the existing door-way available as a means of exit into Caroline-place.

27.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout iron wire guards.

28.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, landings, and flights of steps where not already provided.

29.—That all exit doors, with the exception of those described in Requisition No. 20, be made at least 4 feet 6 inches wide, and be hung in two folds; and that all doors throughout the building be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the National Standard Theatre, in Shoreditch High-street, be approved; and that, with a view to remedying the structural defects of the building, a revised Notice, containing the following Requisitions, be served upon the Owner thereof—

1.—That a proper proscenium wall of brick, not less than 14 inches thick, be built to divide the stage from the auditorium, and that such wall be carried up to a height of 3 feet above the roof, the height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built beneath the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening to divide the cellar under the stage from the space under the auditorium; that the existing wing walls be permitted to be utilised, so far as they are serviceable, in the construction of the proscenium wall; that not more than three openings, each opening not exceeding 3 feet wide, be formed in the proscenium wall, exclusive of the proscenium opening; that no openings be formed above the level of the stage; and that all openings in such walls be closed with wrought-iron doors, not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves.

2.—That the Theatre be separated from all adjoining premises used as dwelling-rooms, stores, or for any purpose other than that of the Theatre, vertically by brick walls, and horizontally by proper party structures, and that all openings between the Theatre and such adjoining premises be stopped up with brickwork, in cement, the full thickness of the walls in which such openings are situated.

3.—That the pit-stall entrance from George-street be made 6 feet wide throughout, and be separated from the entrance to the dwelling-house adjoining on the East, by a brick wall not less than 9 inches thick, and do have a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

4.—That the staircase from the balcony to the upper circle, and the pass staircase between the dress circle and the upper circle, be re-built; that the steps and landings of such staircases be constructed of solid tooled York, or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and ceilings formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

5.—That the staircase from the ground floor to the lower circle be re-built; that the steps and landings of such staircase be constructed of solid tooled York, or other approved stone, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported and enclosed upon all sides by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, with arches turned under the landings, and a ceiling formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

6.—That a brick wall, not less than 9 inches thick, be built on the North side of the staircase to the upper circle, to separate such staircase from the wardrobe and saloon adjoining; and that the gallery at the head of the lower circle staircase be enclosed on all sides by fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board, or be caged in by wrought-iron bars, one inch square, placed 6 inches apart.

7.—That the subterranean tunnel under the pit be blocked up, and that the wooden staircases leading to the same be removed, and the flooring made good.

8.—That a new entrance from the street, not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, enclosed on all sides with brickwork or other fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board, be provided to the pit stalls on the West side of the Theatre.

9.—That a new entrance and staircase be provided to the gallery on the West side of the Theatre, that such entrance be not less than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and be enclosed upon all sides with brickwork or other fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board, and that such staircase be of similar dimensions and construction to the staircase described in Requisition No. 4.

10.—That the passage-way between the houses, Nos. 57 and 58, Holywell-lane be cleared of all obstructions, and be made available as a means of exit; and that the openings in the wall on the West side be stopped up with brickwork, the full thickness of such wall, and that such passage-way be separated from the premises under and over by floors of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

11.—That the carriage-way adjoining the North London Railway be cleared of all obstructions and be made available as a means of exit; that the openings in the walls enclosing the same be bricked up; and that such carriage-way be separated from the premises over by a floor of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

12.—That the scene-dock on the West side of the Theatre be separated from the North London Railway premises adjoining by brick walls not less than 9 inches thick, and that any openings formed in such walls be closed by wrought-iron doors similar in all respects to those described in Requisition No. 1, or by revolving iron shutters.

13.—That the pit refreshment bar and the pay-box adjoining be removed.

14.—That a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the orchestra stalls, pit stalls, and pit.

15.—That a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the upper circle.

16.—That a clear space, 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed around every part of the gallery; that the seats in the angles of the gallery be removed and the flooring made good, and of one level throughout; and that two gangways, each 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of easy rise, be formed in the gallery, with stout handrails at the lower end of each gangway next the gallery front.

17.—That the doors in the side walls of the entrance corridors out of Shoreditch High-street be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the passage-way.

18.—That the doors to the private boxes be re-hung, so as not to obstruct the gangway.

19.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings, where not already provided.

20.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by stout iron wire guards.

21.—That all door-ways used by the public be made 4 feet 6 inches wide, and that the doors be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Lord Chamberlain for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the Owner of the Theatre.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report of the Committee as relates to the two Halls in the building known as the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, be approved, and that, with a view to remedying the structural defects of the building, a revised Notice, containing the following Requisitions, be served upon the Owner in respect of the large Hall, now in the occupation of Messrs. Maskelyne and Cooke—

1.—That the floor of the entrance vestibule and staircase-hall be pugged between the joists with Portland cement concrete, 4 inches thick, and that the upper surface of such floor be covered with wrought-iron plates one-eighth of an inch thick, fitted with butt joints, and well screwed to the floor.

2.—That a brick wall, not less than 9 inches thick, be built on the East side of the staircase-hall on the ground floor, to divide the Hall from the small show-room at the rear of the shop, No. 171, Piccadilly.

3.—That the present wooden staircase, leading from the ground floor to the Hall, be removed, and that a new staircase be constructed in its place; that such new staircase do have solid steps and landings, of York or other approved stone, or of Portland cement concrete, or of terra cotta, 4 feet 6 inches wide, supported at both ends upon brick walls 9 inches thick, and that a wall 9 inches thick, and 4 feet high, be built on the edge of the landing of the staircase on the first floor level to form a balustrade.

4.—That the wooden floor of the Hall, and the floor under the stage be pugged between the joists with Portland cement concrete, 4 inches thick, and that the upper surface of such floor be covered with wrought-iron plates one-eighth of an inch thick, fitted with butt joints, and well screwed to the floor.

5.—That the two spiral staircases and the balconies on the East and West sides of the Hall be removed.

6.—That the enclosures forming the entrance lobby to the body of the Hall be removed, and that the doors to the entrance door-way be re-hung.

7.—That a gangway, not less than 3 feet 6 inches wide, be formed at the sides of the body of the Hall.

8.—That the openings in the South wall of the Hall, between the Hall and the principal staircase, and the opening between the Hall and the ladies' water-closet, be stopped up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such openings are situate.

9.—That the staircase to the gallery, the enclosures and flooring to the ladies' room and water-closet, together with the present wood flooring of the landing at the head of the principal staircase, be removed; and that a new landing be

formed, constructed of stone or other fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

10.—That a new staircase be formed to the gallery, constructed of fire-resisting materials, as described in Requisition No. 3, and that the door-way at head of the gallery stairs be made 4 feet 6 inches wide.

11.—That the opening in the South wall, between the balcony and the passage to the dressing-room at the rear, and also the opening in the South wall of such dressing-room, be stopped up with brickwork, the full thickness of the walls in which such openings are situate.

12.—That stout handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings.

13.—That all doors throughout the building be made to open outwards, and be hung in two folds.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a Notice, embodying the above requirements, and specifying Two months as the time within which the works are to be commenced, and Six months as the time within which they are to be completed, be prepared by the Solicitor; that the Clerk be instructed to apply to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for his consent to the service of the same; and that, upon the receipt of such consent, the Notice be sealed, and be served by the Solicitor upon the owner of the premises.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That, under the circumstances stated in the Report of the Committee with reference to the Egyptian Hall, the Board do not, at present, insist upon the requirements contained in their Notice with respect to the Drawing-room, and that the Owner be required to enter into an undertaking, to be prepared by the Solicitor, not to use such room for the purposes of public music, or of public music and dancing.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owners and occupiers of the structures, Nos. 1 to 24, Mestaer's-buildings, Rotherhithe, had failed to comply with the Orders made by Robert Henry Bullock Marsham, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Greenwich Police-court, on the 19th day of July last, and on the 17th day of September last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structures, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to execute the several works at Nos. 1 to 24, Mestaer's-buildings, Rotherhithe, as ordered by the Magistrate, and to the satisfaction of Mr. A. R. Stenning, the District Surveyor for the District in which such premises are situated.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure, No. 9, Church-street, Bethnal-green, had failed to comply with the Order made by Henry Jeffreys Bushby, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Worship-street Police-court, on the 1st instant, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the front wall

of No. 9, Church-street, Bethnal-green, next Boundary-street, where the same is bulged, and out of the upright; the chimney-breast; the back part of the ground floor, and the wall of the back yard of the same premises next the water-closet.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Superintending Architect with reference to the removal of the shore at No. 3, Fullwood's-rents, Holborn, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. C. Humphreys, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building at Blackheath-hill, Greenwich, be granted for a period of Two years, from this date, upon condition that the applicant do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building, and also upon condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A White, on behalf of the Edison Electric Light Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron smoke-flue at the rear of No. 204, High Holborn, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. Cole, on behalf of Lord Graves and Mr. H. Akerman, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the extension of the formation of Carson-road, West Dulwich, be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road, and that the name "Carson-road, S.W.," in continuation, be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. Peacock, requesting the Board to re-consider his application for their approval of a Plan for the construction of the footings of a wall at the Parish Institute in Little Grosvenor-street, St. George, Hanover-square, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. J. Cox, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey addition, on the South side, and at the rear of No. 253, Portobello-road, abutting on Lancaster-road, Kensington, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. J. Kinninmont and Sons, asking the Board to waive the condition attached to their Resolution of the 9th instant (No. 66), as to giving up the surplus ground in front of a one-storey shop proposed to be erected on a portion of the forecourt of No. 26, Chilworth-street, Paddington, be granted, upon condition that the sills and cantilevers of the proposed structure be made of stone instead of wood, and that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. Livingstone, Surveyor to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, for the Board to waive the condition limiting the time for the use of the iron buildings at the Vestry's Wharf in Commercial-road, Pimlico, be complied with, on condition that the whole of the works be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of Hampstead, with respect to the erection of barriers in Goldhurst-terrace, Broadhurst-gardens, and other roads on the West side of Finchley-new-road, Hampstead, be approved; and that the Solicitor be instructed to serve a Penal Notice upon the persons who erected the barriers, and, if necessary, to obtain Summonses.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Mr. A. Moseley, District Surveyor, stating that houses

were being erected in certain roads leading out of the Eastern side of Margravine-road, Fulham, the formation of such roads not having been sanctioned by the Board, be approved, and that Mr. Moseley be informed in accordance with the Report.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the substance of the Solicitor's Report be communicated to Mr. Moseley, District Surveyor, in reply to his Letter relative to the erection of stables, with dwelling-rooms over the same, in a Mews at the rear of the "Cedar's Hotel," on the West side of North-end-road, Fulham, without the open spaces at the rear required by the Act.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Lindsay and Co., for approval by the Board of a projecting iron and glass roof over a portion of the yard at Lister-mews, Holloway, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. J. Jennings, District Surveyor, be informed, in reply to his Letter relative to the erection of a bay-window on the South side of No. 19A, Bryanston-street, Marylebone, that it is not the intention of the Board to take any action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. Young, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a house with a bay-window, on the East side of Pembridge-crescent, Bayswater, at the rear of No. 23, Chepstow-villas, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. H. Jarvis, District Surveyor, be informed, in reply to his Letter relative to the erection of seven houses at the rear of Nos. 10 to 14, Rosemary-road, Peckham, that it is not the intention of the Board to take any action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. W. Smith, on behalf of Mr. F. O. C. Wood, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 232, Seven Sisters'-road, Islington, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Hudson, Son, and Booth, on behalf of Mr. J. Ellis, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, with shops, on the South side of Deptford Lower-road, abutting on Riches-place, Rotherhithe, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. S. Harte be informed, in reply to his Letter relative to the erection of houses on the West side of Iffley-road, Hammersmith, Eastward of Carthew-villas, that it is not the intention of the Board to take any action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the Wandsworth District Board be informed, in reply to their further Letter relative to the erection of two houses, with shops, on the South side of a narrow way leading from St. John's-hill, Battersea, to the entrance of Clapham Junction Railway Station, that this Board adhere to their previous Resolution, declining to take any action in the matter.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Meaden, and seconded—That the subject be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion, it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

9. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 30th November, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestries—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
BETHNAL-GREEN AND MILE-END.				
Prospect-row and Morpeth-street	303	4′ 0 ×2′ 6	1 brick.	NOTE.—Of this length 186 feet are in Bethnal-green, and 117 feet in Mile-end, respectively.
LAMBETH.				
Horsford-road and Trent-road, Brixton-rise	1,543	12-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestries be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

10. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 28th November, 1883, stating that, on the 3rd August last, the Board sanctioned an expenditure of £200 for laying 750 feet of 15-inch pipe for the purpose of flushing the main Heathwall Sewer with the flood waters from the Falcon-brook; that it was necessary to obtain the permission of the West London Extension Railway Company to lay the proposed pipe along the base of their embankment, adjoining Falcon-lane, in order to avoid either cutting through a large number of drains from houses in Lavender-place, or running the risk of flooding those houses which are built on very low ground; that application had therefore been made to the Company for the requisite permission, and that they assented to the flushing drain being laid as proposed, subject to certain conditions, to be embodied in an Agreement; further stating that none of the conditions were of any practical importance to the Board, and recommending that it be referred to the Solicitor to settle with the Solicitor of the Company.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the matter be referred to the Solicitor accordingly.

11. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 29th November, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. Howards and Sons, applying for permission to fill in a portion of the ground adjoining the Northern Outfall Sewer embankment, near Stratford-road, and to erect thereon a high wooden fence, in lieu of the present dwarf iron one; stating that it was proposed to fill in, to the level of the adjoining land, the piece of ground shown between the red lines upon the Plan accompanying the application, and to erect a wooden fence, 8 feet in height, in the route shown by the dotted black line; and recommending that permission be granted, upon condition that the filling-in materials be composed of good ground, or brick rubbish, entirely free from chemical or other deleterious refuse; that there be no encroachment upon the Board's land, and that the fence be erected, and all other works executed, to the satisfaction of the proper Officers of the Board, and at the sole cost of the applicants.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted on the conditions mentioned therein.

12. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 30th November, 1883, stating that the following quantities of Coal were required for use at the undermentioned Pumping Stations, viz.—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
Abbey Mills Station.	
1,000 Tons of Welsh Coal	791 13 4
1,000 „ Tanfield-moor Coal	675 0 0
Western Station.	
50 Tons of Welsh Coal	40 4 2
50 „ Tanfield-moor Coal	35 0 0
Total	£1,541 17 6

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly; the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

13. The Solicitor reported that the Plans and Books of Reference with respect to the undermentioned Bills would be deposited this day—

Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Bill, 1884.

Metropolitan Board of Works (Thames Crossings) Bill, 1884.

14. The Solicitor reported that Notices had appeared in the public newspapers with respect to the undermentioned Bills to be introduced next Session—

East London Tramways.

Haverstock-hill and Hampstead Tramways (Provisional Order).

Highgate-hill Extension Tramways (Provisional Order.)

St. James, Westminster, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. George, Hanover-square, Electric Lighting (Provisional Order).

South-Eastern Metropolitan Tramways.

South London Tramways.

Thames Bridge Communications.

Thames Improvement Ferries and Road Communications East of London Bridge.

Woolwich Equitable Gas Company.

The Solicitor reported that no notice had been given for the renewal, next Session, of the application to Parliament by the promoters of the Tower Thames Subway Bill.

15. The Solicitor reported that, in consequence of a report by the Police, he had caused a Summons to be issued against William Ward and John M°Mallan for sweeping mud down a grating in Grosvenor-road, opposite Vauxhall Pier, on the 9th instant; that Mr. Shiel, the Magistrate, had heard the case at the Westminster Police-court, on the 23rd instant, and had convicted both Defendants (who were in the employ of Mr. George Cookson, the Contractor), and fined each 10s., and 2s. costs, and, in default of payment, had ordered a Warrant of Distress to issue, with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

16. The Solicitor presented a Letter, as follows—

Whitehall.
17th November, 1883.

Sir,—With reference to your Letter of the 11th ultimo, relative to the question whether purchasers from the Metropolitan Board of Works of land required by the Artizans' Acts or Street Improvement Acts, to be devoted to the erection of dwellings for persons of the labouring class, should be put under an obligation for all time, or for some limited period only, to keep the land devoted to this purpose only, I am directed by the Secretary of State to acquaint you that he is pleased to allow the Board to limit the obligation aforesaid to a period of eighty (80) years, instead of making it apply in perpetuity.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) GODFREY LUSHINGTON.

The Assistant Solicitor,
Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

17. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £3,000 to the Wandsworth District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorising the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the said District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said District Board, under the first mentioned Act within the said District, of a sum of Three thousand pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by the said District Board in executing a Street Improvement within their said District, by widening Wandsworth-lane, at its junction with High-street, to the execution of which Improvement this Board have, in writing, consented. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of Three thousand pounds should be borrowed by the said District Board, for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction, in writing, of the Metropolitan Board of Works be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of Three thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by annual instalments, of as nearly equal an amount as may be, within a period of Fifty-eight years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £3,000 be now drawn in favour of the Wandsworth District Board; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

18. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £1,000 to the Wandsworth District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorising the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the said District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said District Board, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said District, of a sum of One thousand pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred, or to be incurred, by the said District Board in executing a Street Improvement within their said District, by widening the public way at the corner of High-street and Red Lion-street, Wandsworth, and to the execution of which Improvement this Board have given their consent, in writing. And whereas this Board have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of One thousand pounds should be borrowed by the said District Board, for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction, in writing, of the Metropolitan Board of Works be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of One thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of Three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by annual instalments, of as nearly equal an amount as may be, within a period of Thirty years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £1,000 be now drawn in favour of the Wandsworth District Board; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

19. The Solicitor reported that the second instalment of the Loan of £200,000 to the School Board for London would become due to-morrow, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for £100,000 for the instalment, and a Cheque for £125 for the Stamp duty on the Mortgage.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £100,000 be now drawn in favour of the School Board for London, and also a Cheque for £125 for the Stamp duty on the Mortgage deed; and Cheques were drawn on the General Capital and General Working Accounts accordingly.

20. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Contract between the Rev. F. H. Fisher and the Board, for the sale and purchase of portions of the Vicarage-gardens, and Graveyard and stables in Church-road Fulham, and also an appointment of Mr. Vulliamy as Valuer, to settle the amount payable in respect of the said premises, under Section 9 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act (Putney new Bridge.)

Conveyance to Mr. A. Chesterton, at the request of Mr. J. Kent, of part of Plots Nos. 57 and 58 in Bethnal-green-road (Bethnal-green Improvement.)

Two Conveyances by Mr. S. E. Baker, and his Mortgagees, and the Trustees of Mrs. S. E. Baker's Marriage Settlement, of two-fourths and one-fourth shares of the premises, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Tyndall's-buildings, Holborn, and Memorials for the registration of the same (Gray's-inn-road Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

21. The Solicitor reported that the action by the Board against the Willesden Local Board had been upon trial in the High Court before Baron Pollock for several days during the week, and that the Judge had appointed Monday next for hearing the speeches of Counsel.

22. The Solicitor reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Board, he had proceeded for the recovery of a sum of £10 15s. 1d., the cost of repairing the damage done to Putney Bridge by the Barge "Scotia," and that the Owner of the Barge (Mr. Hawkins) had since paid the amount, which had been handed to the Accountant of the Board.

23. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 23rd instant (No. 10), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Zulu-crescent, Battersea	Wandsworth.
Bethnal-green-road (new portion)	Shoreditch and Bethnal-green.
Mary-place	St. Pancras.
Pitt-street	St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and Lambeth.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

24. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. Blake, Principal Clerk to the City Commissioners of Sewers, dated 24th November, 1883, thanking the Board for the contributions voted to City Improvements; and requesting that, as the Improvements at Nos. 14 and 16, Warwick-lane, and in Goodman's-yard, had been completed, the Board would pay the amounts agreed to be contributed towards the cost thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

25. The Clerk presented a Notice from the Lambeth Waterworks Company, dated 20th November, 1883, stating that they were giving a constant supply of Water in a part of their water limits, in the Parishes of Camberwell, Lambeth and Newington, as therein described, and requesting the Board to give directions as to the putting up of Hydrants.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Notice be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and Captain Shaw do report to the Committee thereon.

26. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Storey, dated 21st November, 1883, transmitting a copy of a Letter addressed by him to the School Board for London, stating his objections to the proposal of the School Board to appropriate a site in Baltic-street, St. Luke's, and to close the thoroughfare of Norway-street, and asking for this Board's interference in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Ingoldby, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report; and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

27. The Clerk presented a copy Report by the Water Examiner, appointed by the Board of Trade, of the examination made by him of the Water supplied by the Metropolitan Water Companies during the month of October last.

28. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Rogers, Sons and Russell, Solicitors to the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, dated 23rd November, 1883, requesting a further advance of £38,840, for the purchase of Acorn Wharf and Brown's Wharf, and the purchase of land and the erection of buildings and a pier at Long-reach, and alterations to the ship "Castalia," and for other purposes.

The Clerk also laid before the Board a further Letter, as follows—

7, Westminster Chambers,

Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W.,

30th November, 1883.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT.

DEAR SIR.—Referring to the Letter we addressed to you on the 23rd instant, and to your acknowledgement of the 27th, we understand from Mr. Jebb, that some doubt is entertained on the part of your Board, whether the Loan can be carried through, having regard to the short period which will intervene before the expiration of the term within which the Loan is authorised to be raised, and the approaching vacation at Christmas.

Under these circumstances, we are instructed by the Managers, with the view of facilitating the granting of the Loan to apply only for those sums on which no difficulty can arise, and for which Orders of the Local Government Board have been actually obtained.

On the other side we send you statement of the amounts proposed to be raised, and enclosed we send you copies of the Orders of the Local Government Board relating thereto.

Will you be good enough to accept this application in lieu of that of the 23rd instant for £38,840.

Yours, &c.,

(Signed) CHAS. ROGERS, SONS AND RUSSELL.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

Date of Order of Local Government Board.	Purpose of Loan.	Amount.	Period of re-payment.
		£	
16th August, 1883 ...	Purchase of Land at Long Reach	1,000	Full period.
25th September, 1883	Alterations to Ship "Castalia"	12,000	15 years.
25th October, 1883 ...	Purchase of additional Land at Darenth ...	125	Full period.
21st November, 1883	Purchase of Acorn Wharf	13,000	Full period.
		£26,125	

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the foregoing Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

29. The Clerk presented a circular Letter from Mr. R. Ellis, Clerk to the Hackney District Board, dated 24th November, 1883, forwarding a copy of the following Resolutions passed by that Board—

"That, in the opinion of this Board, the proposed amalgamation of the South "Metropolitan Gas Company with the Gas Light and Coke Company, commonly called the "Chartered Company, is most undesirable in the interests of the general body of ratepayers, "as amongst other arrangements of an objectionable character it fixes a dividend of 12 per "cent. for the Shareholders of the absorbed Company; and makes no provision for equalising "the price of Gas North and South of the Thames."

"That copies of the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Corporation of the City of "London, the Metropolitan Board of Works, and to all Vestries and District Boards in the "Metropolis."

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Resolutions be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

30. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. E. Collins, dated 27th November, 1883, requesting to be informed whether anything had been done respecting the covering in of the Stamford-brook, in the neighbourhood of Willesden Junction; stating that twice within eighteen months his family had been ill with Fever, and that four members of it were suffering from scarlet Fever; that there was a constantly increasing amount of Sewage coming down, as the buildings increased near Willesden Junction, inasmuch as they all drained into it, and that the sewer ran through a district daily increasing in population.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

31. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. J. Stokes, Clerk to the Vestry of Rotherhithe, dated 27th November, 1883, referring to the Board's proposal to divide the Parish into Wards, and to increase the number of Vestrymen; stating that it would be very unadvisable, at the present time, that any change should be made, either for dividing the Parish into Wards, or re-constructing the Vestry, as it would be difficult to find the requisite number of duly qualified Vestrymen, and provision would have to be made for their accommodation, by the erection of a Hall, thereby causing a considerable cost to the ratepayers, which, in view of impending changes as to the Local Government of the Metropolis, the Vestry did not feel justified in incurring, and asking that the

Board would postpone making any Order in the matter, until the question of the future government of the Metropolis shall have been decided.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

32. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

METROPOLITAN AND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT RAILWAYS JOINT COMMITTEE.
(CITY LINES AND EXTENSIONS).

Secretary's Office,
4, Westminster Chambers, London,
28th November, 1883.

SIR,—I am desired to request that you will be good enough to bring under the notice of your Board the progress which is now being made towards the completion of the Inner Circle Railway, and the Street Improvements connected therewith, and to state that if any Members of the Board would be pleased to inspect the works my Directors would be happy to make arrangements for their visit.

I may here briefly state that all the property (with the exception of one house) necessary to the entire works of Street and Railway has been purchased and the site cleared, and that the two Companies have now expended two and-a-quarter millions of money in connection with these works. Of a total length of 1,800 feet of Street Improvement, to be constructed between King William Statue and Trinity-square, a length of nearly 600 feet, extending from Mark-lane to Little Tower-street, or practically a third of the whole distance, has been completed and thrown open, my Directors being desirous that the public should have the earliest possible use and enjoyment of the improved thoroughfare, and they propose, as further sections become available, to throw them immediately into the public way, notwithstanding, that by so doing the Companies will have to bear the cost of maintenance until the whole street is completed and taken over by the authorities.

It is gratifying to state that the Court of Sewers, recognising the advantages to the public of such an arrangement, have already paid to the Companies £100,000, being a third of their contribution to these works, and I am to express the hope that the Board, if upon inspection they are satisfied with the progress now being made, will, in consideration of the large expenditure by the Companies, also see their way to authorise a payment on account.

I am specially to mention that my Directors count upon the street being ready for opening on the 1st January next, and in making this announcement I am directed respectfully to request that the Board may be good enough to order that any contribution remaining due to the Companies shall be paid as soon as possible after that date, within the period named by the Act.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) GEO. J. NICHOLSON,
Secretary.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

33. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. H. Farnfield, Clerk to the Poplar District Board, dated 28th November, 1883, stating that the District Board had passed a Resolution agreeing to pay one-half of the cost of making the proposed new street from Cotton-street to Preston's-road.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

34. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. J. Stokes, Clerk to the Vestry of Rotherhithe, dated 28th November, 1883, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed by the Vestry in favour of the Memorial of the Lewisham District Board for giving them the right to send a Member to this Board apart from the Plumstead District.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred

to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Fairbairn, Hon. Secretary to the Rotherhithe Ratepayers' Association, dated 28th November, 1883, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed at an open public meeting held at Rotherhithe, on the 25th instant, protesting against the proposed abolition of the Coal Dues of the Port of London, until means of communication, free of cost, across the Thames, below London Bridge, shall have been provided, and asking for the Board's decision as to the amendment of the Bye-laws relating to public meetings in the Parks and Open Spaces under their control.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subjects to which it relates.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. J. Stokes, Clerk to the Vestry of Rotherhithe, dated 29th November, 1883, stating that numerous complaints having been received by the Vestry as to the deficient illuminating power of the Gas supplied within the Parish by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, and the Vestry being of opinion that the illuminating power of the Gas was less than that prescribed by the Act, he had been directed to ask the Board to appoint an Examiner to test the Gas supplied by the Company, and to see that the requirements of the Act with respect to purity and illuminating power were complied with.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration and report.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Glynes, Vestry Clerk, St. Botolph Without, Aldgate, dated 29th November, 1883, with a copy of the following Resolutions, passed at a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Parishes of St. Botolph, Without, Aldgate, London and Middlesex, and the immediate neighbourhood, held at the District Board Room, No. 15, Great Alie-street, on the 27th instant—

> It was Unanimously *resolved*—
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> "That this Meeting is of opinion that the wants of East London are not met by the "proposal for a Tunnel from Nightingale-lane to Dockhead, and that a Scheme, of "which a Low-level Bridge at or near the Tower will form part, will alone meet "the requirements of the inhabitants of the East and South-East of London.
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> "That as the burden of the Coal tax has been borne by the inhabitants of East "London for many years, for the benefit of other parts of the Metropolis, the "erection of the much needed Low-level Bridge should not be hindered by any "question as to the renewal of such tax.
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> "That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Home Secretary, the "Corporation of the City of London, and the Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter and Resolutions be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Parker and Andrews, dated 28th November, 1883, stating that their Sewage experiments at Barking Outfall were completed, and making suggestions with reference to the removal of the Tanks, and as to other matters arising under their Agreement with the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. F. Jebb, Clerk to the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums District, dated 28th November, 1883, forwarding a copy of the totals of the gross and ratable values of the Valuation Lists of the several Unions and Parishes in the Metropolis.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, and to the Accountant for information.

40. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 27th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·2	17·0	17·1	8·6	6·9	7·9	0·2	0·0	0·0	None.
	Camden ..	17·2	16·8	17·0	10·4	8·8	9·6	0·4	0·1	0·2	„
	Dalston ..	17·3	16·7	17·0	12.3	10·1	11·1	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Bow	17.6	17·1	17·3	12·6	9·3	11·0	0·8	0·5	0·7	„
	Chelsea	17·0	16·4	16·7	14·6	11·1	13·1	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·4	16·7	17·1	15·3	10·6	13·6	0·3	0·0	0·1	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas) .	21·6	20·7	21·2	15·5	11·4	13·0	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	17.3	16·4	16·7	12·7	9·5	10·9	0.4	0·0	0·2	
	Tooley-street ..	16·7	16·2	16·3	11·2	8·2	9·8	0·2	0·0	0·1	„
	Clapham ..	16·7	15·7	16·3	14·4	11·8	12·9	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham ..	17.0	16·1	16·4	10·1	8·5	9·6	0·7	0·4	0·6	„
Commercial Gas Company.. . ..	Old Ford ..	Station closed for repairs.									
	St. George-in-the-East ..	16·9	16·4	16·6	14·9	10·2	11.6	0·3	0·1	0·2	„

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, as tested at Camberwell-green on the 26th instant, at 6 p.m., was 2·3 inches.

41. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th November, 1883, on a further Letter from Messrs. Gordon and Son, on behalf of Mr. Brandon, relative to the erection of a building, adjoining the "Nell Gwynne" Public-house, at Stanley Bridge, King's-road, alleged to be in advance of the general line of buildings in that thoroughfare.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

42. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 28th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. E. King, on behalf of Mr. Aldred, for approval by the Board a Plan for the construction of barge-boards and a wooden porch to a stable at the rear of No. 76, Clissold-road, Stoke Newington.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

43. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 30th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. W. Thompson, on behalf of Mr. T. W. Miller, for the consent of the Board to the erection of nine houses, with bay-windows, on the North side of Tryon's-place, Mare-street, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

44. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Porter and Abrahams, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses and shops, on the South side of Hanley-road, at the corner of Regina-road, to the line shown upon the further amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

45. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 25th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. J. Sainsbury, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the forecourt of No. 75, Carlton-street, Kentish-town, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

46. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 23rd October, 1883, on the application of Mr. Wills, on behalf of the Farmer's and Cleveland's Dairies Company, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on the West side of Weedington-road, at the rear of No. 84, Prince of Wales'-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

47. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Miller, on behalf of Mr. E. Fairchild, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the forecourt of No. 130, Euston-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

48. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. J. Thomas, on behalf of Mr. E. B. Hadley, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a covered way upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 7, Hazlebourne-gardens, Cavendish-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

49. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Merrifield, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection of Nos. 541 to 557, Wandsworth-road, and the premises adjoining No. 541, Wandsworth-road, Eastward, to an advanced line, with one-storey shops to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

50. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27t November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Ennor, Julian and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards, a Conservatory, and wooden bay-windows and porches to a pair of semi-detached villas in Palace-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

51. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November 1883, on the application of Mr. E. B. I'Anson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building adjoining No. 20, Clapham Old-town, and the re-erection of No. 16, Clapham Old-town, to the advanced line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

52. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 28th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. S. Field, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at the Sussex Chemical works, in Blackwall-lane, East Greenwich.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

53. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Berger and Sons, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of four iron sheds at their Paint and Colour Manufactory, in Water-lane, Homerton, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

54. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 28th November, 1883, on the application of the Rev. R. S. Hassard, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, the temporary iron building erected at the rear of the Church in Mayfield-road, Dalston.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

55. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Romaine, Walker and Tanner, on behalf of Messrs. Wilkinson, Haywood and Clark, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of wooden louvres to warehouses at No. 7, Caledonian-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

56. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Kent, on behalf of the Rev. B. Briggs and others, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building in Verney-road.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

57. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. J. Morris, on behalf of Mrs. Wadman, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron addition to No. 53, Drummond-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

58. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. W. M. Johnson, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wooden shed in the grounds of No. 2, Clarence-villa, St. Ann's-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

59. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on a Notice from Mr. C. Cheston, of his intention to form an extension of Grove-road, Stamford-hill, as shown upon the Plan accompanying such Notice, and to apply the name "Grove-road, E." (in continuation) to the same.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the Notice be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

60. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Smith, Son and Oakley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a new road to lead out of Hither-green-lane, and of the name "Brownhill-road, S.E." (in continuation) for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

1. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. Walker, on behalf of the Lands Allotment Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of an extension of Brownhill-road, and of the name "Brownhill-road, S.E. (in continuation), for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said road.

62. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 15th Novemb r, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. J. Jerrard, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of new roads to lead out of the North side of Brockley-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report; and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee, when the subject shall be considered.

63. Plumstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. D. Hoyland, on behalf of Messrs. Johnson and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of new roads in connection with North-street, Charlton, and of the name "North-street, S.E." (in continuation) and "Lydenberg-street" for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads.

64. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. M. Batten, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of an extension of Silwood-street, and of a new road in connection therewith.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

65. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 21st November, 1883, on the application of Mr. A. Thorn, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of new roads, to lead out of the West side of Putney-hill, Putney.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report. and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

66. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed at the school building in Kender-street, Hatcham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

67. HACKNEY.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Matthews, on behalf of Mr. A. Matthews, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron roof over the yard at the "Cedars," Woodbury-down, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855, also of the construction of barge-boards supported by wooden brackets to three dormers at the same premises.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

68. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th November, 1883, on a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of two houses in Rectory-gardens, Clapham, with alleged insufficient open spaces at the rear thereof.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

69. LAMBETH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, submitting for the Seal of the Board a License in respect of a temporary building erected in Pilgrim-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

70. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 29th November, 1883, stating that Mr. W. E. Hudson, Assistant in the Building Act Branch of the Department, was still unable to attend the Office, in consequence of illness, and that, should Mr. Hudson not return within a fortnight, the matter would be again reported to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

71. Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 28th November, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. E. A. E. Woodrow, temporary Assistant in the Theatres, &c., Branch of the Department, stating that he was unable to attend the Office, in consequence of illness.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a fortnight's leave of absence be granted to Mr. Woodrow.

72. It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. Meaden—That it be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, to consider and report to the Board on the desirability of their acquiring the present voluntary Fire Brigade establishment situated in New-park-road, Clapham, and establishing a proper Fire Brigade Station, and that the subject be taken into consideration with the Memorial from the inhabitants of Streatham, referred by the Board on the 23rd instant.

After discussion the motion was put to the vote, when there were for it 12, against it 7, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

Adjourned until Friday, the 7th December next, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 17.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **7th** day of **December**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—William Robbins Selway, Esq., in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.	John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	William Robson, Esq.	Robert Cox, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	George Phillips, Esq.	George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.	John Robert Jolly, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.	George Brown, Esq.	Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.
Alfred Ewin, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.	George Hill, Esq.
Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	Thomas John White, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.
Thomas Turner, Esq.	William Halford Fell, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.		
Robert Furniss, Esq.		
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.		

1. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board, it was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That

William Robbins Selway, Esq.,

be requested to take the Chair; and he took the Chair accordingly.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 30th November last, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman (Mr. Selway), and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

3. This being the day appointed for receiving Tenders for the construction of brick and pipe Sewers, and the laying down of new granite carriage-ways, and York stone footways in Wentworth-street, and in the streets adjoining, in connection with the Goulston, &c., Streets, Whitechapel (Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act) Scheme,

The Clerk laid before the Board the several Tenders which he had received, pursuant to the Advertisement.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the said Tenders be now opened.

The said Tenders were then opened, as follows—

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Grosvenor Wharf, Westminster	8,986	–	–
,, Nowell and Robson, Warwick-road, Kensington ...	9,432	–	–
Mr. T. Adams, No. 213, Amhurst-road, Hackney	10,149	–	–
,, J. J. Griffiths, No. 283, Kingsland-road	10,580	–	–

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Edwards, and resolved—That the Tender of Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., for the construction and laying down of brick and pipe Sewers, new granite carriage-ways and York stone foot-ways in Wentworth-street, and in the streets adjoining, in connection with the Goulston, &c., Streets, Whitechapel (Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act) Scheme, for the sum of £8,986, be accepted.

The agent of Messrs. Mowlem and Co. was then called in, and informed of the acceptance of the Tender, and in reply to a question by the Chairman (Mr. Selway), he stated that his firm were prepared to carry out the works in accordance with the Specification, and for the amount of their Tender.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded by Mr. Edwards, and resolved—That it be referred to the Solicitor to prepare the necessary Contract with Messrs. John Mowlem and Co.

4. Mr. Urquhart handed in a Letter, as follows—

Paddington,
Vestry-hall, Harrow-road,
December 6th, 1883.

Improvement of disused Burial Ground adjoining St. Mary's Church.

Dear Sir,—The Vestry of this Parish having determined to make considerable alterations and improvements in the above-mentioned ground, at an estimated cost of £1,396, in order that the same may be thrown open for the use of the public, under proper regulations, and as the proposed Improvement will be of a public character, I am instructed to apply to the Metropolitan Board of Works for a contribution towards the cost of carrying out the same.

I may observe that the alterations agreed to be made consist in doing away with about 600 feet of unsightly brick wall, and substituting in lieu thereof ornamental iron railing, also the removal of tombs and head stones, and the formation of flower beds, &c., as per accompanying Plans.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) FRANK DETHRIDGE,
Vestry Clerk.

To the Clerk
To the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens.

The Plans referred to were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

5. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

The Board of Works for the St. Olave District, Southwark.

86, Queen Elizabeth-street,
St. John's, Southwark, S.E.,
6th December, 1883.

Dear Sir,—Your Letter of the 30th ultimo, with reference to the efficiency of the Fire Brigade within this District, in connection with the recent fire at Butler's Wharf, has been considered by this Board. While thanking your Board for its courtesy in explaining the reason for the opinion that this District is not one in which more powerful Engines should be provided, I regret to say this Board is still unable to agree with the conclusions arrived at by your Board.

This Board still adheres to the belief that your Board has been misinformed, both as to the circumstances in connection with the fire at Butler's Wharf, and the water supply, and that therefore a further enquiry should be made.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) EDRIC BAYLEY,
Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Committee, for consideration and report.

6. Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 4th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 17th November, 1883	£624,184 11 9		
Receipts since that date, as per Statement presented this day	470,417 14 3		
		£1,094,602 6 –	
Payments since 17th November, 1883		548,330 2 3	
Balance on 1st December, 1883 { viz.: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£551,021 11 10		
Less Cheques not presented	4,749 8 1		
			£546,272 3 9

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance on 17th November, 1883	£1,151 2 1		
Receipts since that date	5,020 6 5		
		£6,171 8 6	
Payments since 17th November, 1883		5,582 1 3	
Balance on 1st December, 1883 { viz: Cash Balance at Bank ...	£681 5 10		
Less Cheques not presented	91 18 7		
			589 7 3
Total Cash Balances on 1st December, 1883			**£546,861 11 –**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 17th November, 1883.*		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 1st December, 1883.*		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.
Working Accounts—							
General	...	34,505 19 3	61,642 5 3	280,408 3 7	184,259 19 1	...	14 –
Fire Brigade ...	30,287 12 10	...	35,352 8 –	4,865 2 11	...	199 12 3	...
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	1,379,689 18 7	170 15 5	139,728 11 1	...	1,240,132 2 11	3,000 –
Fire Brigade ...	37,736 13 8	...	...	2,634 5 9	40,370 19 5	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	108,112 1 1	...	47 5 –	6,148 5 10	114,213 1 11	...	17 3
Parks and Open Spaces	4,157 4 7	...	...	6 6 –	4,163 10 7	...	...
Albert Embankment	76 18 6	...	...	...	76 18 6	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	1,258 2 6	...	...	...	1,258 2 6	...	...
Queen Victoria Street	200 – –	...	...	10 – –	210 – –	...	...
Streets (Act of 1872)	691 16 11	...	...	...	691 16 11	...	...
Appold Street ...	174 19 6	...	103 15 –	76 5 1	147 9 7	...	...
Streets (Act of 1877)	438,409 15 6	...	...	12,077 6 7	450,487 2 1	...	9,386 6
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	31,132 7 3	...	...	1,891 10 4	33,023 17 7	...	1,227 13
Thames Floods Prevention	5,979 8 3	...	...	80 4 –	6,059 12 3	...	...
Bridges (Act of 1881)	94,661 12 1	...	...	6,834 3 3	101,495 15 4	...	10,533 2
Bridges (Act of 1883)	17 2 –	...	...	8 8 –	25 10 –	...	...
Miscellaneous—							
Bridges (Act of 1877)	...	24,493 2 5	46,481 15 1	90,425 10 3	19,450 12 9	...	...
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	18,338 19 5	...	38,528 7 7	761 8 10	...	19,427 19 4	3,912 4
Consolidated Loans Fund	43,295 9 5	...	288,091 2 11	2,364 12 8	...	242,431 – 10	1,010 16
Firemen's Savings Fund	...	25 15 –	...	9 18 1	...	15 16 11	...
	814,530 3 6	1,438,714 15 3	470,417 14 3	548,330 2 3	955,934 8 6	1,502,206 12 3	29,101 7
	£624,184 11 9				£546,272 3 9		

INVESTMENTS.

FIREMEN'S SAVINGS FUND ... ... £3,620 8 5 ... Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board.

SUMS RECEIVED from 19th November to 1st December, 1883—

	£ s d	£ s d
GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Assessments—		
Camberwell £11,185 14 5		
City of London 40,270 10 5		
Furnival's-inn 24 8 2		
Hornsey 1,121 7 5		
Limehouse 4,199 18 1		
St. Saviour's ... ... 4,030 18 –		
Staple-inn 17 3 1		
	60,849 19 7	
Supplemental Assessment, *re* Government property—		
St. George-in-the-East	7 11 9	
Fees—		
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act) ... ... £5 – –		
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act) ... ... 381 5 –		
„ Gas-meter testing ... ... 168 9 –		
„ Petroleum licenses ... ... 25 5 –		
„ Explosives Act ... ... 2 7 –		
	582 6 –	
Costs recovered—		
Re Loans ... ... £146 – –		
„ Leases 13 5 6		
Law-costs 13 6 2		
	172 11 8	
Proceeds of sales of carcases—		
Re Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act	13 12 11	
Re-fund of cost of repairing Whitehall-stairs, damaged by barge "Helicon"	76 19 4	
Plans, &c., sold	9 4 –	
		61,642 5 3
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.		
Contributions from Insurance companies	9 3 9	
Contributions from men towards rent	102 10 6	
Chimney-fire penalties	23 14 6	
Attendance at ex-metropolitan fires	6 1 1	
Transfer from *General Working Account*, being second moiety of amount raised under precepts 35,210 18 2		
		35,352 8 –
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		
Transfer from *Consolidated Loans Fund* for discount on prompt payments of loan of 1883, deducted from remittances by Bank of England ...		170 15 5
MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
Re-fund of cost of supervision of works at Counter's Creek Sewer ...		47 5 –
APPOLD-STREET.		
Rent		103 15 –
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).		
Rent	31 10 –	
Re-fund of cost of repairing damage to Putney Bridge by barge "Scotia"...	10 15 1	
Transfer from *General Working Account*, being second moiety of amount raised under precepts ... ... 46,439 10 –		
		46,481 15 1
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
Rent	28 7 7	
Transfer from *General Capital Account* in aid of Goulston-street scheme ... 38,500 – –		
		38,528 7 7
Carried forward		£182,326 11 4

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		182,326 11 4

CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.

Rent	2,284 7 3	
Loans—		
Interest £1,176 14 2		
Re-payment 2,698 6 9		
	3,875 - 11	
Sales—		
Clerkenwell	7,150 - -	
Interest, *re* sales—		
Clerkenwell	49 16 11	
Deposits—		
Re Rent ... ... 25 - -		
„ Fixtures ... ... 100 - -		
	125 - -	
Transfers—		
General Working Account—		
Second moiety of amount raised under precepts ...£190,202 17 10		
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)—		
Amount raised under precepts, to provide for dividend and sinking fund ... ... 84,404 - -		
	274,606 17 10	
		288,091 2 11
		£470,417 14 3

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £20,522 0s. 7d., be paid.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures, and for expenses of Shoring and Hoarding, and they recommend—

That the necessary Orders be made with respect to the same.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, stating that certain Improvements in the City have been completed, and requesting payment of the Board's promised contributions, referred by the Board on the 9th ultimo (No. 47). The Board passed Resolutions agreeing to contribute one-half of the net cost of the undermentioned Improvements, on the usual Certificates of their Officers of the completion and cost of the work—

Resolution.	Locality of Improvement.	Limit of Contribution.
28th Nov., 1879 (No. 3.).....	Milton-street	£100
5th Nov., 1880 „ 9	Silk-street	750
3rd Nov., 1882 „ 6	Corner of Gracechurch-street and Leadenhall-street.....	8,576
1st Dec., 1882 „ 5	Nos. 4 and 10, Warwick-lane.....	700
13th July, 1883 „ 14	„ 5, 6 and 7, Upper Thames-street.....	1,000

Your Superintending Architect has reported that the several Improvements have been satisfactorily completed, and your Accountant has certified that the respective sums of £200, £1,500, £17,152, £1,400, and £2,000 have been expended by the Commissioners in carrying out the works. The sum of £650 has been already paid on account of the Silk-street Improvement, and £7,331 2s. 3d. on account of the Gracechurch-street Improvement, leaving balances of £100 and £1,244 17s. 9d. respectively payable in respect of those Improvements. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That Cheques be drawn in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers for the sums of £100, £100, £1,244 17s. 9d., £700 and £1,000, in respect of the Board's promised contributions towards the Improvements.

Your Committee have also considered the application of the Wandsworth District Board, for payment of this Board's contribution in respect of the Improvement at High-street and Red Lion-street, Wandsworth, referred on the 9th ultimo (No. 48). The Board, on the 4th August, 1882 (No. 8), agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost of effecting the Improvement on the usual Certificates of their Officers. The requisite Certificates of the completion of the work, at a cost of £2,100, having been presented to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £1,050, in favour of the Wandsworth District Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, applying for payment of the contribution promised towards effecting an Improvement at Love-lane, Wandsworth, referred on the 9th ultimo (No. 48). On the 25th May, 1883 (No. 6), the Board agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £280, of carrying out the Improvement, on the usual Certificates of their Superintending Architect and Accountant of the completion and cost of the work. Certificates notifying the completion of the work, at a cost of £569 10s., having been submitted to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £280, in favour of the Wandsworth District Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Woolwich Local Board of Health, requesting payment of this Board's contribution towards the Improvement in Church-street, Woolwich, referred by the Board on the 2nd ultimo (No. 42). The Board, on the 22nd June, 1883 (No. 17), agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £325, of carrying out the Improvement in question on the usual Certificates of their Officers. The necessary Certificates, as to the completion of the work, at a net cost of £672 2s. 1d., having been submitted to your Committee, they recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £325, in favour of the Woolwich Local Board of Health.

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 2nd ultimo (No. 41), your Committee have considered the application of the Woolwich Local Board of Health, for a further advance of a sum of £2,000 towards the cost of the Improvement at Hare-street. The net cost of the work has been £9,102 17s. 7d., of which this Board have contributed £3,705. The Local Board have already borrowed £3,400, and now propose to take up £2,000 to defray the balance of the cost. Your Committee see no objection to the Board making the advance, and they therefore recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Woolwich Local Board of Health for a further advance of a sum of £2,000 towards carrying out an Improvement at Hare-street, be complied with ; that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st January, April, July and October, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st January, ending in 1929, any unexpended balance of the Loan which may not be required being considered as forming part of the first instalment, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Guardians of the Poor of Shoreditch, for a Loan of £18,050, referred by the Board on the 12th October last (No. 31). The Loan is required for the purpose of erecting Casual Wards, &c., on land belonging to the Guardians, and is to be raised under an Order of the Local Government Board. Your Superintending Architect has examined the Plans, detailed Drawings, and Specification of the proposed works, and has reported to your Committee as to the period proposed by the Guardians for the re-payment of the Loan. The Guardians propose to take up £10,000 on the 1st January, and £8,050 on the 1st June next, but your Committee are not prepared to recommend the Board to allocate the latter sum for so long a period in advance. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Guardians of Shoreditch, for a Loan of a sum of £18,050, for

the purpose of erecting Casual Wards, be granted to the extent of £10,000; that the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at the beginning of January next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 1st April, July, October and January, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st January, within 30 years; that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan, and that the Guardians be informed that they must apply again for the balance of the Loan about three months before they propose to take it up.

In accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 30th ultimo, your Committee have considered the Letter from the Solicitors to the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, applying for a Loan of a sum of £26,125. The amount is to be raised under Orders of the Local Government Board, and is required for the following purposes, viz.—for purchasing Acorn Wharf £13,000, land at Long Reach £1,000, and at Darenth £125 and for alterations to the ship "Castalia" £12,000. Your Superintending Architect has reported to your Committee as to the value of the Wharf and land to be purchased, and the periods proposed for re-payment of the Loan, and your Committee, seeing no objection to the Board making the advance, recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, for a Loan of a sum of £26,125, for purchasing Acorn Wharf and land at Long-reach and Darenth, and for alterations to the ship "Castalia," be granted; that the sum of £14,125 be advanced by the Board, out of their General Capital Account, and £12,000 out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly; that as to £14,125, the interest be payable on the 30th April, 31st October, January and July, and the principal re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, ending on 31st January, 1941; and as to £12,000, that the interest be payable quarterly on the 1st April, July, October and January, in each year, and the principal by annual instalments on each 1st October within Ten years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

On the 9th ultimo (No. 10) the Board agreed to advance a sum of £1,060 to the Wandsworth District Board, the interest being paid quarterly on the 31st January, 30th April, 31st July and 31st October in each year, and the principal by annual instalments on each 31st January. The dates for the payment of interest should have been the 1st day of each of the months mentioned, and for the principal the 1st of October, and your Committee recommend—

That your Solicitor be instructed accordingly.

Your Committee have had their attention called to the fact that the net disbursements during the present year for the Dwelling House Improvement Fund Account are approaching the limit defined in the Board's Money Act of 1882. Under this Act the Board have absolute power to expend £70,000 during the year 1883, and of this amount they have already expended £50,175, and it is estimated that £16,740 will be required, making the net disbursements £66,915. As it is possible that a further amount may be required than that covered by the balance of £3,085, it appears to your Committee desirable that they should be authorised to apply, to the Treasury, if necessary, to sanction a supplemental power for further expenditure, in accordance with Section 10 (7) of the Money Act of 1882, and they recommend accordingly.

Your Committee have had submitted to them a Letter from the Vestry of Kensington, requesting that the Mortgage-deed, dated 13th December, 1876, for securing re-payment of the Loan of £4,700, obtained by the Vestry, might be returned to them, the Mortgage having been paid off. Your Committee see no objection, to the request being complied with, and they recommend accordingly.

Your Committee have for some time past had under consideration the desirability of temporarily investing a portion of the Board's balance, and they have now to report that they have authorised the investment of £250,000 in Treasury Bills for a period of Three months.

Your Committee recommend—

That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled, viz.—

Bridges (*Act of* 1881).

No. 472.	1883, August 8th.	Chelsea Water Co.	£2,350	- -
No. 473.	„ „	Phillips J. and J.	11	15 -

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
CHAS. HARRIS,
G. P. MEADEN,
DONALD MUNRO.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
TURNER, T.—(2649)—			
3046	Further on account of contract for maintenance and repairs, &c., Victoria-embankment (No. 634)		2,000 - -
HOLLOWAY, H.—(2648)—			
3047	Balance of amount of contract for cleaning cold-water reservoir at Abbey-mills pumping-station (No. 581)		158 10 -
RECEIVER OF METROPOLITAN POLICE (per Bank of England)—(2639)—			
3048	Attendance of constables, quarter to 30th September, 1883—		
	Pumping-stations	£108 8 -	
	Sewer-embankment, Bow	26 14 6	
	Parks, commons, &c.	296 4 6	
			431 7 -
LAPTHORNE AND CO.—(2565)—			
3049	Repairs to fencing, notice-boards, &c., at sundry parks and open spaces, quarter to 30th September, 1883		98 4 3
HOBMAN, A. T., AND SON—(2568)—			
3050	Carting-work at Southwark-park, October, 1883...		11 - -
BASSETT, H.—(2569)—			
3051	Fodder for pony used at Finsbury-park, June to September, 1883		6 16 2
LUCAS, A.—(2641)—			
3052	Destroying rats at Finsbury-park, half-year to 16th November, 1883		2 2 -
GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(2630)—			
3053	Shoring, hoarding, &c., dangerous structures		140 6 7
DISTRICT SURVEYORS—(2629)—			
	Fees, *re* dangerous structures—		
3054	Carritt, E.	£8 17 6	
3055	Clarkson, J.	2 10 -	
3056	Drury, E. D.	6 12 6	
3057	Fletcher, B.	4 5	
3058	Grose, V. J.	8 6 3	
3059	Hammon, H. J.	12 2 6	
3060	Hayward, C. F.	3 15 -	
3061	Hewitt, E. R.	4 5 -	
3062	Jennings, J.	5 15 -	
3063	Kerr, R.	10 - -	
3064	Lansdown, G.	2 5 -	
	Carried forward ...	£68 13 9	2,848 6 - ...

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	2,848 6 –	...
District Surveyors—Fees, &c. (*continued*)	£68 13 9		
3065	Markham, S. S.	3 2 6	
3066	Oliver, H.	4 2 6	
3067	Parsons, H.	2 2 6	
3068	Peebles, A.	2 2 6	
3069	Porter, F. W.	5 10 –	
3070	Stenning, A. R.	2 10 –	
3071	Tabberer, B.	12 17 6	
3072	Tanner, A. W.	3 7 6	
3073	Turner, J. G.	3 – –	
3074	Walker, R.	3 – –	
3075	Wallen, F.	7 – –	
3076	Watson, T. H.	4 7 6	
3077	Woodthorpe, E.	7 5 –	
		129 1 3	
Street Brothers—(2631)—			
3078	Advertisements, September, 1883	4 4 6	
Bidder, G. P., Q.C.—(2634)—			
3079	Counsel's fees, November, 1881, to July, 1883, *re* Metropolitan Sewage Discharge...	1,519 2 –	
			4,500 13 9
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.			
Stanton Brothers—(2592)—			
1084	Hooks, buckles, &c., July to September, 1883	42 15 6	
Stimpson and Co.—(2505)—			
1085	Hose-hoist, repairs, &c., at Westminster station, October, 1883 ...	89 10 –	
Taylor, J.—(2691)—			
1086	Repairs at Brixton station, April and May, 1883	11 18 –	
Good, W., and Son—(2475)—			
1087	Rope, canvas, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883	89 19 4	
Moore, A.—(2574)—			
1088	Fire-plug, &c., indicators, October, 1883	132 2 9	
Gas for sundry stations—(2508)—			
1089	Gas Light and Coke Co.	£266 2 2	
1090	Commercial Gas Co.	61 7 11	
1091	Woolwich Equitable Gas Co.	4 5 10	
		331 15 11	
Water for sundry stations—(2507 and 2598)—			
1092	Lambeth Waterworks Co.	£7 10 –	
1093	Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co.	59 14 –	
1094	East London Waterworks Co.	15 2 8	
1095	New River Co.	21 6 6	
		103 13 2	
1096	Kent Waterworks Co.	£6 4 2	
1097	East London Waterworks Co.	4 15 –	
		10 19 2	
			812 13 10
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.			
Bank of England—(2322)—			
3080	Receiving charge in respect of Loan of 1883, £1,250,000 £3 per cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock	625 – –.	
Duckering, C.—(2444)—			
3081	Lamp-pillar, &c., for road at Wormwood-scrubs, April, 1883 ...	3 17 6	
			628 17 6
FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.			
Hook, W. T.—(2595)—			
1098	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Faraday-road, North Kensington (No. 603)	347 19 10	
Tink, W. D.—(2594)—			
1099	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Willow-walk, Kentish-town (No. 615)	500 – –	
			847 19 10
	Carried forward		£6,790 4 11

	£ s. d	£ s. d
Brought forward	...	6,790 4 11
MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.		
PEARSON, S., AND SON—(2647)—		
1027 Further on account of contract for construction of the Deptford overflow sewer (No. 625)		882 – –
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.		
MESTON, J. F.—(2566)—		
37 On account of works at Eel-brook-common and Parson's-green, Fulham (No. 611)	900 – –	
KNIGHT, R.—(2567)—		
38 On account of contract for fencing at Dalston lane and Laureston-road, Hackney (No. 672)	159 – –	
		1,059 –
STREETS (ACT OF 1877).		
TURNER AND SONS—(2564)—		
6620 Balance of amount of contract and extras for paving and other works at Camberwell-road and High-street and Queen's-road, Peckham (No. 596)	1,189 12 5	
MARRIOTT, W. T., Q.C., M.P.—(2633)—		
6621 Counsel's fees, November, 1883	110 – –	
VESTRY OF CAMBERWELL—(2650)—		
6622 Return of amount deposited by Messrs. Wyatt and Priestley, in respect of pavement in front of plots Nos. 21 to 28, High-street, Peckham	12 – –	
		1,311 12 5
TOOLEY STREET EXTENSION (ACT OF 1882).		
ABBOTT, C. J.—(2636)—		
60 Under-sheriff's charges, *re* Bradshaw		4 14 2
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1881).		
ABBOTT, C. J.—(2635)—		
562 Under-sheriff's charges, *re* Caudery (Putney)		46 10 10
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).		
WILKINSON AND DREW—(2632)—		
563 Taxed costs of action, *re* Drew (Deptford-creek Bridge)		179 7 4
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
MOWLEM, J., AND CO.—(2644 to 2646)—		
5033 Further on account of contracts—		
For paving and other works in continuation of Coleman-street, &c., St. Luke's (No. 632) ... £561 9 7		
For paving and other works at Old Pye-street, &c., Westminster (No. 633) 587 7 2		
For paving and other works at Whitecross-street, St. Luke's (No. 646) 1,170 18 9		
	2,319 15 6	
GRIFFITHS, J. J.—(2642)—		
5034 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Middlesex-street, &c., Whitechapel (No. 656)	642 7 6	
NOWELL AND ROBSON—(2643)—		
5035 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Popham-street, Islington (No. 660)	1,494 4 3	
		4,456 7 3
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.		
MEADOWS-WHITE, F., Q.C.—(2637)—		
1312 Counsel's fees, September to November, 1883—		
General Working Account	11 2 6	
Main Drainage and Main Sewers	72 12 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	4 8 –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	6 15 –	
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	2 7 –	
		97 4 6
Carried forward		£14,827 1 5

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	...	14,827 1 5
PETT, W.—(2640)—			
1313	Repairs, &c., to premises occupied by tenants of the Board or taken for improvements, August, 1883—		
	Street Improvements, 1877...	1 13 8	
	Consolidated Loans Fund...	424 10 7	
			426 4 3
TRANSFER TO WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—(2597)—			
	Repayment of advances—		
1314	Petty disbursements, 12th to 24th November, 1883—		
	a General Working Account	£80 16 8	
	b Fire Brigade Working Account ... £4 18 8		
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... 1 2 4		
		6 1 –	
	c Main Drainage and Main Sewers	2 12 –	
	d Thames Floods Prevention	2 19 1	
	e Bridges (Act of 1877)	4 9 11	
	f Bridges (Act of 1881)	– 12 11	
		£97 11 7	
	Weekly pensions, to 24th November, 1883—		
	g Fire Brigade Working Account	52 18 8	
	License to use foreshore (Albert-embankment), payable to the Duchy of Cornwall, one year to Michaelmas, 1883—		
	h General Working Account	– 1 –	
	Thames Conservancy—Assessor's fee in respect of outfall sewer at Deptford, November, 1883—		
	i General Working Account	2 2 –	
	Compensation for damages—		
	j Fire Brigade Working Account	4 – –	
	Copy of lease and plans, *re* Flower—		
	k Main Drainage and Main Sewers	1 – –	
	Further costs of title, &c.—		
	Streets (Act of 1877)—		
	l Re Salamans	1 11 8	
	m „ Havill	1 1 –	
	Hire of room for inquiry, *re* Streatham-common—		
	n General Working Account	2 2 –	
	Amount withdrawn—		
	o Firemen's Savings Fund	22 4 3	
	Compensation paid to weekly tenants on removal—		
	p Dwelling House Improvement Fund	15 – –	
		£199 12 2	
	Postages, 12th to 24th November, 1883—		
	q General Working Account ... £36 – –		
	Fire Brigade Working Account ... 5 – –		
		41 – –	
			240 12 2
	Balance of salary of W. Hogarth, late Assistant, Solicitor's Department, from 26th September to 17th November, 1883—		
	r General Working Account	£9 16 10	
	Expenses at fires, &c., October, 1883—		
	s Fire Brigade Working Account	282 17 11	
	Rent of lodgings for firemen, November, 1883—		
	t Fire Brigade Working Account...	213 4 2	
	Carried forward	£505 18 11	240 12 2 15,253 5 8

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...			£505	18	11	240	12	2	15,253	5	8
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*)—											
Weekly wages, two weeks to 28th November, 1883—											
u General Working Account...	...£1,907	14	9								
Fire Brigade Working Account ...	5	10	–								
General Capital Account	6	6	–								
Fire Brigade Capital Account ...	31	–	–								
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	130	9	–								
Parks and Open Spaces	6	6	–								
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	48	9	–								
Thames Floods Prevention ...	61	–	3								
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	22	4	–								
Bridges (*Act of* 1883)	11	11	–								
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)	22	4	–								
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	53	2	3								
Consolidated Loans Fund	20	8	–								
				2,326	4	3					
Firemen's wages, two weeks to 1st December, 1883—											
v Fire Brigade Working Account				2,000	10	7					
							4,832	13	9		
							£5,073	5	11		
Amounts to be paid through the Account—											
Bills, &c., for sums under £2—											
w General Working Account—											
Firmin and Sons — Buttons for uniform-clothing	£1	16	–								
Preed, G.—Drain-pipes for Hackney-common	–	12	–								
Nichols, W., and Son—Boots for man at Leicester-square-garden	1	8	–								
Herbert, T., and Sons—Balances for weighing explosives ...	–	6	–								
McLeod, G., and Co.—India-rubber stamp	–	12	6								
District Surveyors—Fees, *re* dangerous structures	7	2	6								
				11	17	–					
x Streets (*Act of* 1877)—											
Lucas, H.—Expenses in connection with arbitration, *re* Stock				1	15	–					
Rates for engine-stations, &c.—											
y Fire Brigade Working Account				181	17	–					
							195	9	–		
										5,268	14	11
										£20,522	–	7

Certified
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(*signed*) HENRY HARBEN,
THOS. J. WHITE,
DONALD MUNRO,
JOHN ABBOTT,
WILLIAM URQUHART,
CHAS. HARRIS,
G. P. MEADEN,
R. FREEMAN,
E. DRESSER ROGERS,
W. H. DALTON.

The Report having been read and received,

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the sums specified in the Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £20,522 0s. 7d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That Fees, as specified in the Five series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to D inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting, by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on Structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Badger, C. J.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
2	Carritt, E.	8	8 2 6	2	– 15 –	8 17 6
3	Clarkson, J.	2	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
4	Drury, E. D....	5	5 12 6	1	1 – –	6 12 6
5	Fletcher, B.	5	4 5 –	...	...	4 5 –
6	Grose, V. J.	7	7 11 3	2	– 15 –	8 6 3
7	Hammon, H. J.	4	10 12 6	2	1 10 –	12 2 6
8	Hansom, H. J.	1	1 12 6	...	...	1 12 6
9	Hayward, C. F.	4	3 7 6	1	– 7 6	3 15 –
10	Hewitt, E. R.	4	3 17 6	1	– 7 6	4 5 –
11	Jennings, J.	4	5 15 –	...	...	5 15 –
12	Kerr, R.	5	8 2 6	2	1 17 6	10 – –
13	Lansdown, G.	2	2 5 –	...	...	2 5 –
14	McDonell, G.	3	1 10 –	...	...	1 10 –
15	Markham, S. S.	2	3 2 6	...	...	3 2 6
16	Notley, R. P.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
17	Oliver, H.	3	3 2 6	2	1 – –	4 2 6
18	Parsons, H.	2	2 2 6	...	...	2 2 6
19	Peebles, A.	2	1 10 –	1	– 12 6	2 2 6
20	Porter, F. W.	3	4 12 6	1	– 17 6	5 10 –
21	Stenning, A. R.	4	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
22	Tabberer, B.	5	12 17 6	...	...	12 17 6
23	Tanner, A. W.	3	3 7 6	...	...	3 7 6
24	Tolley, J.	2	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
25	Turner, J. G.	3	2 10 –	1	– 10 –	3 – –
26	Walker, R.	2	3 – –	...	...	3 – –
27	Wallen, F.	4	7 – –	...	...	7 – –
28	Watson, T. H.	2	3 17 6	2	– 10 –	4 7 6
29	Williams, T....	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
30	Woodthorpe, E.	8	7 5 –	...	...	7 5 –
		102	126 1 3	18	10 2 6	136 3 9

It was **moved** by Mr. Harben, seconded, and **resolved**—That the undermentioned expenses, incident to shoring and hoarding Dangerous Structures, under the Metropolitan Building Acts, 1855 and 1869, be charged to the Owners of the respective properties, together with other expenses affecting the same, and be recovered according to law.

Case No.	Premises.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
26,931	15, Church-street, Greenwich	14 1 7
26,932	16, „ „	28 – 3
27,087	10, Type-street, St. Luke's	16 – 4
27,088	11, „ „	16 11 1
27,176	126, Whitecross-street, St. Luke's	12 14 1
27,307	56, Pall-mall, St. James, Westminster	– 10 –
27,672	Warehouse E, Orchard Wharf, Blackwall	24 8 –
27,897	20, Windmill-street, St. Pancras	8 9 11
28,038	109, Three Colt-street, Limehouse	– 17 7
28,144	Shed in rear of 58, Hanbury-street, Spitalfields	8 – 5
28,250–1	15 and 16, Horace-street, St. Marylebone	8 – 2
28,499	Foundry Shed, Hollybush-gardens, Bethnal-green	2 3 2
28,565	47, Villa-street, St. Mary, Newington...	– 10 –
		140 6 7

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £100, in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the cost of effecting an Improvement in Milton-street.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £100, in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the cost of effecting an Improvement in Silk-street.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £1,244 17s. 9d., in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the cost of the Improvement at the corner of Gracechurch-street and Leadenhall-street.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £700, in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the cost of the Improvement at Nos. 4 and 10, Warwick-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £1,000, in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the cost of effecting an Improvement at Nos. 5, 6 and 7, Upper Thames-street.

A Cheque for the sum of £3,144 17s. 9d. was thereupon drawn on the General Capital Account.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £1,050, in favour of the Wandsworth District Board, being the amount of this Board's promised contribution towards the cost of effecting an Improvement at the corner of High-street and Red Lion-street, Wandsworth.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £280, in favour of the Wandsworth District Board, being the amount of this Board's promised contribution towards the cost of effecting an Improvement at Love-lane, Wandsworth.

A Cheque for the sum of £1,330 was thereupon drawn on the General Capital Account.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £325, in favour of the Woolwich Local Board of Health, being the amount agreed to be contributed by this Board towards the cost of effecting an

Improvement in Church-street, Woolwich; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Woolwich Local Board of Health for a further advance of a sum of £2,000, towards defraying the cost of effecting an Improvement at Hare-street, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st January, the 1st April, the 1st July, and the 1st October in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st January, ending in the year 1929, any unexpended balance of the Loan which may not be required being considered as forming part of the first instalment, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Guardians of the Poor of Shoreditch, for a Loan of a sum of £18,050 to defray the cost of erecting Casual Wards, be granted to the extent of £10,000; that the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at the beginning of January next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 1st April, the 1st July, the 1st October, and the 1st January in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 1st January within a period of Thirty years; that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan, and that the Guardians be informed that they must apply again for the balance of the Loan about Three months before they propose to take it up.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, for a Loan of a sum of £26,125 to defray the cost of purchasing Acorn Wharf, and land at Long-reach and Darenth, and for making alterations to the ship "Castalia," be granted; that the sum of £14,125 be advanced by the Board out of their General Capital Account, and the sum of £12,000 out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly; that as to £14,125, the interest be payable on the 30th April, the 31st October, the 31st January, and the 31st July in each year, and that the principal be re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st January, within a period ending on the 31st January, 1941; and as to the sum of £12,000, that the interest be payable quarterly on the 1st April next, the 1st July, the 1st October, and the 1st January in each year, and the principal by annual instalments on each 1st October, within a period of Ten years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the dates for the payment of the interest on the Loan of £1,000 granted to the Wandsworth District Board on the 9th November last, be altered from the 31st January, 30th April, 31st July, and 31st October, to the 1st of those months, and that the date of the annual re-payment of instalments of principal be altered to the 1st of October, and that the Solicitor be instructed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That having regard to the present position of the Dwelling House Improvement Fund Account the Committee be authorised to apply to the Treasury, if necessary, to sanction, under Section 10 (*l*) of the Board's Money Act of 1882, a supplemental power for further expenditure.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the request of the Vestry of Kensington, for the surrender of the Mortgage-deed given to secure the Loan of £4,700, which has been paid off, be complied with, and that the Solicitor be instructed to hand over the Deed to the Vestry.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be now cancelled, viz.—

Bridges (*Act of* 1881).

No. 472.	1883, August 8th.	Chelsea Water Co. ...	£2,350	0 0
No. 473.	1883, ,, ,,	Phillips, J. and J. ...	11	15 0

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

7. It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Estimates of the amounts required to be raised by the Precepts for the year 1884 be considered by the Board, on Friday next, at half-past Twelve o'clock.

8. Mr. Dresser Rogers, on behalf of Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 3rd December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

	Main Drainage and Main Sewers.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Kunderman's Trustees (Putney to Clapham)—(2602)—			
	Winter and Co.—		
1026	Proportion of Tenant's rent in respect of properties on the East side of South-street Wandsworth, from Midsummer to December, 1883 (less Tax)		17 3 4
	Streets (*Act of* 1877).		
Re Howle (Piccadilly)—(2603)—			
	Howle, Mrs. M.—		
6604	Purchase-money for Freehold of No. 12, Great Windmill-street, and No. 1, Catherine-wheel-yard	1,650 - -	
	Blakemore, W. A.—		
6605	Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	23 2 -	
Re Courage and Co. (Southwark-bridge-road)—(2604)—			
	Courage and Co.		
6606	Purchase-money for Freehold interest in the "Union" Public-house, No. 42, Mint-street	2,200 - -	
	Fleuret and Son—		
6607	Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	25 4 -	
	Phillips, J. and J.—		
6608	Stamp-duty on Conveyance	11 - -	
Re Sage (Gray's-inn-road—(2605)—			
	Sage, F.—		
6609	Amount payable on completion of new buildings in accordance with Agreement	3,000 - -	
Re Knaggs (Kentish-town-road)—(2606)—			
	Briggs, Vaughan and Briggs—		
6610	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	19 17 7	
	Carried forward	£6,929 3 7	17 3 4

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	6,929 3 7	17 3 4
Re Taylor's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2607)—		
Davies, H., and Ellis, W. C.—		
6611 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 1, Moor-street, Soho	250 - -	
Fuller and Fuller—		
6612 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	9 9 -	
Re Cato (Piccadilly)—(2608)—		
Cooke, W. C.—		
6613 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	12 12 -	
Re Smith and Lee (Piccadilly)—(2609)—		
Lee, J. H.—		
6614 Costs of Title and Conveyance	13 16 -	
Re Rees (Piccadilly—(2610)—		
Rees, J.—		
6615 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 25, King street, and Nos. 11 and 12, Richmond-street, Soho	500 - -	
Chadwick, S.—		
6616 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	13 13 -	
Fraser, J.—		
6617 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	5 5 -	
Re Davison (Piccadilly)—(2624)—		
Davison, E.—		
6618 Compensation for removal from No. 68, Dudley-street	20 - -	
Re Morley (Peckham)—(2625)—		
Morley, Geo.—		
6619 Compensation for damage by removal of house adjoining No. 26, Marlborough-road ...	25 - -	
		7,778 18 7
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Marsland—(2611)—		
Keene, Marsland and Bryden—		
56 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	26 5 -	
Re Whitbread and Co.—(2612 and 2628)—		
Whitbread and Co.—		
57 Purchase-money and Compensation for Leasehold interest in the "King's Head" Public-house, No. 178, Tooley-street	1,150 - -	
Haines, H., and Son—		
58 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	27 6 -	
Martineau and Reid—		
59 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	24 2 10	
		1,227 13 10
Carried forward	...	£9,023 15 9

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		9,023 15 9
Bridges (Act of 1881).		
Re Woolley (Putney)—(2613 and 2623)—		
Rhodes, C. H. R.—		
557 Costs of Title and Conveyance	25 – –	
558 Rent in respect of premises adjoining the "Eight Bells" Public-house, Putney, from Lady-day to 21st November, 1883 (less Tax) ...	11 4 7	
Re Scott (Putney)—(2614)—		
Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 8, High-street, Putney—		
559 Poole, H. H., for Curties, Willey and Curties ... ... £545 – –		
560 Styer, W. B. ... ... 305 – –		
	850 – –	
Baines, C., and Co.—		
561 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	19 19 –	
		906 3 7
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re B. Levy (Goulston-street)—(2615)—		
Klenck, J. M.—		
5024 Costs of Arbitration	15 15 –	
Re Trewby (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2616)—		
Trewby, J. H.—		
5025 Half-year's rent of No. 1, Dock-street and Nos. 1 to 6, Fuller's-cottages, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax)	12 4 9	
Re School Board for London (Whitecross-street)—(2617)—		
Gedge, Kirby and Millet—		
5026 Costs of alterations, drainings, &c., as per clause in Contract for sale	33 – –	
Re Bissell (Whitecross-street)—(2618)—		
Haynes, H. J.—		
5027 Costs of Title and release from Compensation ...	3 10 4	
Re Luck (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2619)		
Luck, James—		
5028 Compensation for Tenancy in No. 4, Sydney-street	40 – –	
Re Woellwarth (Goulston-street)—(2620)—		
Woellwarth, W., and Co.—		
5029 Purchase-money for yearly Tenancy in premises in George-street and Sugar-loaf-court ...	50 – –	
Field, A. and A.—		
5030 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	5 5 –	
Re Bruce (Goulston-street)—(2626)—		
Bruce, R.—		
5031 Compensation for removal from No. 9½, Flower and Dean-street	50 – –	
Carried forward	£209 15 1	9,929 19 4

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	209 15 1	9,929 19 4
Re Beale (Bowman's-buildings)—(2627)—		
Beale, J. H.—		
5032 Compensation for deprivation of right-of-way into Linton-place	40 – –	
		249 15 1

Consolidated Loans Fund.

Re Marsland (Tooley-street Extension)—(2621)—		
Keene, Marsland and Bryden—		
973 Proportion of tenant's rent of No. 122, Tooley-street, from Michaelmas to 23rd November, 1883 (less Tax)	7 7 6	
Re Bigg and others (Piccadilly)—(2622)		
Prior, Bigg, Church and Adams—		
974 Rent of Nos. 7 and 8, Great White Lion-street, from Michaelmas to 16th November, 1883, less ground-rent from Midsummer to same date (less Tax)	3 9 3	
		10 16 9
		£10,190 11 2

Your Committee have considered the question of the names to be given to the new streets, formed by the Board in connection with the Whitecross-street Scheme, under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, and, having conferred with your Superintending Architect, they recommend that the undermentioned names be applied to the new streets. It should be mentioned that in the case of Roscoe-street it is proposed to include in that street the thoroughfare known as Coleman-street, a name which occurs twice in the same Postal District, and for this reason the proposed name of that street has been submitted to the Vestry of St. Luke.

Proposed names.

No. 1. Banner-street (in continuation).
,, 2. Roscoe-street.
,, 3. Guest-street.
,, 4. Chequer-street.
,, 5. Cahill-street.
,, 6. Dufferin-street.
,, 7. Errol-street.
,, 8. Harty-street.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of the Vestry of Fulham, referred by the Board on the 3rd August last (No. 54), for a division of the Parish into three Wards, in accordance with a Report transmitted with the application. Your Committee have had before them a Plan showing the limits of the proposed division, and are advised by your Engineer that they are unobjectionable. Your Committee have also had before them a Report by your Accountant with the necessary computations as to the number of rated householders and amount of ratable value, from which it appears that the relative number of Vestrymen for each Ward, if the

total number were fixed at 72, being the number required by Section 2 of the Metropolis Local Management Act, would be as follows—

North-end Ward	... ...	27
Walham ,,	... ...	27
Fulham ,,	... ...	18
		72

Your Committee have also consulted your Solicitor upon the application, and they have now to submit the following recommendation—

That a Notice be sent to the Vestry of Fulham, and be posted in the Parish, stating that it is the intention of the Board to divide the Parish into three Wards, and to apportion among the three Wards the number of Vestrymen to be elected for the Parish, viz., 72 ; and further, that on Friday, the 21st December, instant, at One o'clock, the Board will be prepared to hear the parties interested.

In compliance with the reference by the Board of the 16th ultimo (No. 38), your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Clerkenwell, asking the Board to form a thoroughfare in connection with the works for the Pear-tree-court Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act Scheme, from Pear-tree-court through Robert's-place into Bowling-green-lane. Your Committee have conferred with your Engineer, who reports that, in consequence of a great difference of level, it is impracticable to form a carriage-way between those points,but suggests that a foot thoroughfare should be formed by making steps from the lower to the higher level in Robert'splace. Your Committee concur in that view, and they recommend—

That a foot thoroughfare be formed accordingly.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 5th October last (No. 3), from the St. Saviour's District Board, relative to the refusal of this Board to permit the removal of the ornamental lamp column at the Borough end of Southwark-street, for the purpose of erecting a Chalet on the site, and asking if the Board will object to the position of the column being shifted about 25 feet further East. Your Committee have given careful consideration to the application, but it does not appear to them desirable that the lamp column should be interfered with in the manner suggested, and they therefore recommend—

That a Letter be addressed to the District Board informing them that this Board are unable to assent to the proposal.

Your Committee beg to submit a draft Specification and Drawings, prepared by your Engineer, of the new Sewer which the Board, on the 6th July last (No. 9), resolved should be constructed for the drainage of South Eltham. Your Committee recommend—

That Advertisements be forthwith issued, inviting Tenders for the execution of the works and that the Tenders be opened at the Meeting of the Board on the 11th January, 1884.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) W. R. SELWAY,
JOHN RUNTZ,
JOHN TOLHURST,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W^M. DEBENHAM,
W^M. SHEPHERD,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
G. P. MEADEN,
GEO. HILL,
D. MUNRO.

The draft Specification and Drawings of the new Sewer proposed to be constructed for the drainage of South Eltham, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the new streets formed by the Board in connection with the Whitecross-street Scheme, under the Artizans' &c., Dwellings Act, be named as follows—

The street extending from Whitecross-street to Hartshorn-court, "Banner-street, E.C.," in continuation of the existing street of that name.

The thoroughfare extending from Bunhill-row to Golden-lane, "Roscoe-street, E.C.," and that the name "Coleman-street" be abolished.

The street extending from Roscoe-street to the street hereinafter described as Chequer-street, "Guest-street, E.C."

The street extending from Whitecross-street to Chequer-alley, "Chequer-street, E.C."

The street extending from Chequer-street to the street hereinafter described as Dufferin-street, "Cahill-street, E.C."

The thoroughfare extending from Whitecross-street to Bunhill-row, "Dufferin-street, E.C.," and that the name "Twister's-alley" be abolished.

The street formed on the site of Blue Anchor-alley, and the extension into Whitecross-street, "Errol-street, E.C."

The street from Errol-street to Belward-avenue, "Harty-street, E.C."

and that the Vestry of St. Luke be informed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of Fulham, asking that the Parish might be divided into three Wards, be approved; and that a Notice be sent to the Vestry and be posted in the Parish, stating that it is the intention of the Board to divide the Parish into Three Wards, and to apportion amongst the Three Wards the number of Vestrymen to be elected for the Parish, viz., 72; and that on Friday, the 21st instant, at One o'clock p.m., the Board will be prepared to hear the parties interested.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That a foot thoroughfare be formed in connection with the works under the Pear-tree-court, Clerkenwell, Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act Scheme, from Pear-tree-court through Robert's-place into Bowling-green-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the St. Saviour's District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter asking whether this Board would object to the shifting of the position of the ornamental lamp column at the Borough end of Southwark-street, that this Board are unable to assent to the proposal.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the draft Specification and Drawings of the new Sewer proposed to be constructed for the drainage of South Eltham, now submitted, be approved; that Advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for the execution of the works, and that the Tenders be opened at the Meeting of the Board on the 11th January next.

9. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 27th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications

relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz.—

Date.	Application.
12th April, 1883.	Vestry of Camberwell, that a definite name may be assigned to Surrey-lane or Surrey-villas, Nunhead.
7th June, 1883.	Wandsworth District Board, that the road known as Clapham-road, Battersea-rise, may be re-named "North-side, Wandsworth-common."
21st February, 1883.	Secretary to the General Post Office, calling attention to inconvenience arising from the existence of two streets called Desborough-place, near Harrow-road.
21st November, 1882.	Mr. S. E. Platt, for the re-numbering of the houses in Harrow-road.
24th February, 1881.	Vestry of Lambeth, for the re-numbering of the houses in various streets in the Parish.
7th September, 1883.	Vestry of St. Luke, that the houses in Seward-street may be re-numbered.
3rd October, 1883.	Mr. W. Ramsay, that so much of Church-street, Edgware-road, as is in the Parish of Paddington, may be re-named.
No date.	Notice, signed by 44 owners and occupiers of houses in Cleopatra-grove, Lee, stating their intention to alter the name of the said Grove to "Quentin-road," provided the Board do not object to the proposed name.
3rd November, 1883.	Vestry of Islington, that Blackhorse-yard, City-road, which has lately been formed by this Board, under the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Act, may be re-named "Torrens-street."
22nd April, 1882.	Vestry of Bethnal-green, for the re-numbering of the houses in various streets in the Parish.
16th November, 1882.	Fulham District Board, for the re-numbering of the houses in various streets at Hammersmith.

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That Surrey-lane or Surrey-villas, Nunhead, be re-named "Banstead-street, S.E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Clapham-road, Battersea, be re-named "North-side, Wandsworth-common, S.W., the subsidiary names abolished and the houses re-numbered.

That Marlborough-place, Desborough-terrace, and Desborough-place Harrow-road, be incorporated under the name "Marlborough-street, W.," and the houses re-numbered.

That Mr. S. E. Platt be informed, in reply to his communication, that the Board are not prepared to issue an Order for the re-numbering of the houses in Harrow-road, in the absence of any generally expressed wish on the part of the inhabitants.

That Heron-road, Lambeth, and so much of Lowden-road as is in line therewith, be incorporated under the name "Heron-road, S.E.," and the houses re-numbered, where necessary.

That the houses in Lowden-road, Lambeth, be re-numbered.

That the houses in Poplar-walk-road, Lambeth, be re-numbered where necessary.

That the subsidiary names in Seward-road, Goswell-road, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Mr. W. Ramsay be informed, in reply to his application, that the Board deem it inexpedient to change the name of any part of Church-street, Edgware-road.

That Cleopatra-grove, Lee, be re-named "Quentin-road, S.E."

That Blackhorse-yard, City-road, Islington, be re-named "Torrens-buildings, E.C."

That Cranbrook-place, Cranbrook-street, and Nelson-place, Bethnal-green, be incorporated under the name "Cranbrook-street," and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Alma-road, Bethnal-green, be re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Sterne-street, Shepherd's-bush, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Wharf-road, Latymer-road, Hammersmith, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W. R. SELWAY,
WM. DEBENHAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
GEORGE BROWN.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883. appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Surrey-lane, or Surrey-villas, in the Parish of Camberwell, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,199, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan ; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 87, being assigned to the houses on the North-Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 8, to those on the South-Western side ; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Nunhead-green ; that the names Surrey-lane and Surrey-villas, and the existing numbers, be abolished ; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Banstead-street, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Camberwell, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Clapham-road, in the respective Parishes of Wandsworth and St. Mary, Battersea, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,200, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan ; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 23, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 96, to those on the Northern side ; that such numbers do commence at the Eastern end ; that the names Clapham-road, Spencer-park (so far as applies to houses in the line of Clapham-road), Alverton- villas, Lake-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Clapham-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished ; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called " North-side, Wandsworth-common, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Marlborough-place, Desborough-terrace, and Desborough-place, in the Parish of Paddington, in the County

of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,201, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 19, being assigned to the houses on the South-Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 76, to those on the North-Western side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Harrow-road; that the names Marlborough-place, Desborough-terrace and Desborough-place, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Marlborough-street, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Paddington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish, and resolved—That Mrs. E. Platt be informed that the Board are not prepared to order the re-numbering of the houses in Harrow-road, in the absence of any generally expressed wish to that effect on the part of the inhabitants.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same the several houses and premises in so much of Lowden-road as is in line with Heron-road, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,202, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 59 and ending with 71, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers commencing with 40 and ending with 70, to those on the Western side; that the name Lowden-road, as applied to the line above described, and the existing numbers therein, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Heron-road, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883 appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Lowden-road, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,203, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 59, being assigned to the houses on the North-Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 146, to those on the South-Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Milkwood-road; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Lowden-road, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several irregularly numbered houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the

name of Poplar-walk-road, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,204, in lieu of the existing irregular numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 97 and ending with 101, being assigned to the houses on the Western side; and the even numbers, commencing with 102 and ending with 136, to those on the Eastern side; that the existing irregular numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Poplar-walk-road, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Seward-street, in the Parish of St. Luke, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,205, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 57, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 64, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Seward-street-cottages, and any other name or names now in use in Seward-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Seward-street, E.C.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of St. Luke, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish, and resolbed—That Mr. W. Ramsay be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to alter the name of any part of Church-street, Edgware-road.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That Cleopatra-grove, in the Parish of Lee, in the County of Kent, be re-named "Quentin-road, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Plumstead District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That Blackhorse-yard, City-road, in the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex, be re-named "Torrens-buildings, E.C.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Islington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded

by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Cranbrook-place, Cranbrook-street, and Nelson-place, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,206, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 61, being assigned to the houses on the East and North sides, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 104, to those on the West and South sides; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Old Ford-road; that the names Cranbrook-place, and Nelson-place, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Cranbrook-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Alma-road, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,207, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 39, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 44, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Alma-road, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Sterne-street, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,208, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 33, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side; and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 26, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Rose-cottages, Stanley-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Sterne-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Sterne-street, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 27th day of November, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Reddish—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the

several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare, known by the name of Wharf-road, Latymer-road, in the Parish of Hammersmith, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,209, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 43, being assigned to the houses on the Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 50, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the names Eastbourne-terrace, Wharf-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Wharf-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Wharf-road, W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Fulham District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

10. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 4th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have had under consideration the Letter from the Vestry of Rotherhithe, stating that complaints had been received of the deficient illuminating power of the Gas supplied in Rotherhithe, by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, and asking the Board to appoint an Examiner to test the Gas supplied in that District, referred by the Board on the 30th ultimo. It will be in the recollection of the Board that, on the 23rd ultimo, your Committee reported on the existing arrangements for testing the Gas in the Metropolis generally, and that they made certain recommendations on the subject, which were adopted by the Board. Your Committee then stated, with regard to the District supplied by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, "that the positions of the Testing-places afford much greater security to the consumers that the Gas supplied is equal to the standard," than is afforded by the existing testing arrangements North of the Thames; but they also recommended that a portable Photometer should be obtained for testing the illuminating power of the Gas supplied in all parts of the Metropolis. At present the Gas manufactured at the Rotherhithe works is in part tested by one of the Board's Gas Examiners at the Tooley-street Testing-station, and the illuminating power of the Gas tested at that Station has invariably been found to be equal to the standard prescribed by the Gas Company's Act. Your Committee recommend that the Rotherhithe Vestry be informed to that effect, and that the Board will shortly be in a position to have the illuminating power of the Gas tested in other portions of the Parish.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mrs. Mary Plummer, for renewal of registration for the keeping of Infants at No. 22, Hollingsworth-street, Islington. The conditions under which the Infants in Mrs. Plummer's care are kept continue satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

> That the application of Mrs. Mary Plummer, for renewal of registration for the keeping of Infants at No. 22, Hollingsworth-street, Islington, be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law fixing two as the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises.

Your Committee submit a list of 86 applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum, and they recommend—

> That in 73 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity, not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in two cases a License be granted to keep Petroleum at the places named, in a store situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90; and that in 11 cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
JOHN RUNTZ,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
J. E. BRADFIELD.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That, with reference to the Letter from the Vestry of Rotherhithe, stating that complaints had been received by them, respecting the deficient illuminating power of the Gas supplied in the Parish by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, and asking the Board to appoint an Examiner to test the Gas, a reply be sent to the Vestry to the effect that, so far as has at present been ascertained, the illuminating power of the Gas supplied to the Parish has been equal to the Parliamentary standard, but that the Board will shortly be in a position have the illuminating power of the Gas tested in other portions of the Parish.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the registration of Mrs. Mary Plummer, under the Infant Life Protection Act, for the keeping of Infants at No. 22, Hollingsworth-street, Islington, be renewed, and that the Board do hereby make a Bye-law fixing Two as the number of Infants to be kept at such premises.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the Eighty-six persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolutions were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses.

11. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 4th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, during the four weeks ended the 1st instant, Passes have been issued for the removal of 12,844 animals from the Metropolitan Cattle Market out of the Metropolis for the purpose of slaughter, making a total of 66,182 animals so removed since the 1st July last.

Your Committee have further to report that they have examined the Accounts of the Cattle Inspectors for examining and reporting upon the condition of affected animals, and those supposed to be diseased, and for superintending the slaughter of Cattle affected with Pleuro-pneumonia and horses affected with Glanders and Farcy, for the quarter ended 30th September last, amounting to £275 9s. 3d., and that they have approved and certified the same.

Names of Inspectors.	District for which acting.	Period of service.	Amounts.
		1883.	£ s. d.
Mr. W. Hunting ...	Westminster and Chelsea	1st July to 30th Sept	19 11 0
„ F. H. Ridler ...	Kensington, Fulham and Hammersmith	„ „	16 19 6
„ E. Woodger ...	Marylebone and Paddington	„ „	26 10 0
„ A. Broad ...	Hampstead and St Pancras	„ „	30 19 6
„ H. K. Shaw ...	Finsbury, Tower Hamlets, &c. ...	„ „	92 10 0
„ G. Tegg ...	Hackney and Stoke Newington ...	„ „	9 19 0
„ H. Davis ...	Woolwich, Plumstead and Charlton	„ „	14 7 0
„ F. R. Ingersoll	Lewisham, Greenwich, Lee, &c. ...	„ „	10 5 6
„ H. Springett ...	Lambeth, Camberwell and Sydenham	„ „	33 12 6
„ J. I. Lupton ...	Wandsworth, Battersea and Clapham	„ „	12 17 6
„ C. Lowe ...	Southwark	„ „	7 17 9
			£275 9 3

Your Committee have further to report that, during the four weeks preceding the date of their meeting, outbreaks of Foot and Mouth disease have occurred at two premises in the Metropolis. The aggregate number of stock on the premises was 12, of which 3 became affected, and these were the only cases of the disease known to exist in the Metropolis at the date of this Report.

Your Committee have further to report that proceedings have been taken against Charles Wright, who was fined £10 and 2s. costs, and Herbert Thompson, who was fined £5 and 2s. costs, for leading glandered horses along highways.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
JOHN RUNTZ,
GEORGE PHILLIPS,
J. E. BRADFIELD.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

12. Mr. Tolhurst, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 4th December, 1883.

Your Committee have had under consideration the provisions of the Bill which the Board has resolved to introduce next Session for the removal of such of the ventilating shafts, formed by the Metropolitan District Railway Company in the public thoroughfares and the Embankment-gardens, under the powers of the Company's Act of 1881, as have not already been required to be removed by the Act of last Session. It appears to your Committee desirable that, if possible, some arrangements should be come to with the Company to obviate the necessity of the Board proceeding with the Bill; and they recommend—

That they be authorised to enter into communication with the Company with that object.

The Board, on the 29th June last, resolved that the Lords of the Treasury should be informed that it was the intention of the Board to bring in a Bill in the next Session of Parliament to remove the restriction imposed by the Board's Loans Act of 1869, relative to the amount which might be raised for Fire Brigade purposes, and to provide for an increased contribution from the Fire Insurance Companies. No direction has since been given by the Board for the preparation of the Bill, but your Committee presume that it is the wish of the Board that the Bill to be introduced should embody the same terms as those originally proposed in the Board's Money Bill of last Session, that is to say, that the Insurance Companies should be required, in future, to contribute, instead of £35 per million on the gross amount insured by them, an annual sum equal to one-third of the amount raised from the ratepayers for Fire Brigade purposes in each year. It appears to your Committee desirable that the Board should enter into communication with the representatives of the Fire Insurance Companies, with a view to ascertain whether any arrangement can be come to between them and the Board, with reference to the proposal for an increase of the contributions of the Companies. Your Committee recommend—

That they be authorised to enter into such communication accordingly

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN TOLHURST,
JOHN RUNTZ,
GEO. EDWARDS,
D. MUNRO.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Committee be authorised to enter into communication with the Metropolitan District Railway

Company, with a view to seeing whether any arrangement can be come to which will obviate the necessity of the Board proceeding with the Bill for the removal of the remaining Ventilating shafts, formed under the powers of the Company's Act of 1881.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Bill to be introduced by the Board in the next Session of Parliament for an increase of the funds applicable to the Fire Brigade, do embody the same terms as those originally proposed in the Board's Money Bill of last Session; and that the Committee be authorised to enter into communication with the representatives of the Fire Insurance Companies, with a view to ascertain whether any arrangement can be come to between them and the Board with reference to the proposal for an increase of the Companies' contributions.

13. Mr. Munro, in the absence of Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 5th December, 1883.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the desirability of draining, with agricultural pipes, certain portions of the margins of Finsbury-park, now used as a children's playground, next the Seven Sisters'-road and the Great Northern Railway. These portions of the Park, which consist of about eight acres, have not been drained, and as they are very much frequented, your Committee recommend—

That the drainage works referred to be executed, at an estimated cost of £96.

Your Committee have to report that some trees and shrubs are required for planting on the site of the Electric Light Company's building, recently removed from the Victoria Embankment-gardens, and also to re-place plants in the gardens which are dead. Your Committee recommend—

That an expenditure of £15 be authorised for the purpose.

The attention of your Committee has been called to a nuisance occasioned by children and others obtaining access to the Victoria Embankment-gardens at night by climbing the wall near the York Water-gate. Your Committee, considering that steps should be taken to prevent the practice, have had before them a Plan and Estimate, which they beg to submit herewith, for the erection of an unclimbable wrought-iron railing along the boundary of the Board's land next Adelphi-terrace. The estimated cost of the railing is £135, and your Committee recommend—

That the Board do authorise the erection of the railing accordingly.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 23rd ultimo (No. 45), your Committee have considered whether the Board have power to purchase the land lying between the Victoria Embankment-gardens and Adelphi-terrace, which is at present covered by unsightly and dilapidated buildings. Your Committee have now to report that they have ascertained from your Solicitor that, in his opinion, the Board have no power to purchase the land referred to; but your Committee, are of opinion that it is very desirable that the Board should, if possible, obtain possession of the land and add it to the gardens, and they submit to the Board their view, viz., that the Board should ask the owner of the land for what price, if any, he would be willing to dispose of it for the purpose named, and in the event of the price being reasonable, that power should be sought from Parliament to enable the Board to incur the necessary expenditure.

Your Committee have to report that there is now a quantity of soil on Hackney-downs which requires to be spread on the surface and properly levelled, &c., with a view of improving the grass sward at the proper season. The work can be carried out economically by the Board employing their own men and hiring carts, but, inasmuch as it partakes of the nature of a new work, your Committee have considered it desirable to obtain the sanction of the Board thereto, in order that the expenditure

may be charged to Capital Account, as being part of the scheme for improving the Hackney Commons. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the Board do give the necessary sanction.

The Board having recently decided to place a number of seats on Peckham-rye and Nunhead-green, your Committee have had under consideration the question of providing footboards for the seats, and they have now to report that having had before them several alternative estimates, they have arrived at the conclusion that the most effective and economical method would be to lay tar-paving around each seat. This can be done for an outlay of £1 4s. 3d. for each seat, and your Committee recommend—

That the necessary expenditure for carrying out the work to the 16 new seats and the 42 existing seats on Peckham-rye and Nunhead-green be sanctioned.

Your Committee have to report, with reference to the proposed Scheme for the management by the Board of Streatham-common, that the Assistant Commissioner who held the local inquiry at Streatham has decided to state in his Report to the Land Commissioners that he is of opinion that, inasmuch as the local cricket clubs have for some years kept a portion of the Common railed in, and in a condition for matches they have thereby gained a prescriptive right to the ground, and that such right should be continued to them after the Common passes under the control of the Board; and he has asked the Board to approve of the insertion of such a clause in his Report. The principle of the establishment of prescriptive right to games has, your Committee need hardly say, never yet been adopted in connection with a Metropolitan open space, where the procedure has invariably been that such place is free and open to all. Your Committee are, moreover, of opinion that the giving of special local rights to certain persons, at the expense of the ratepayers of the Metropolis at large is a principle which should not receive any sanction, direct or indirect, from the Board. Having regard to this view, your Committee recommend—

That the Assistant Land Commissioner be informed that the Board, for the reasons above stated, must decline to approve or in any way acquiesce in the Clause relating to cricket on Streatham-common, which he proposes to insert in his Report as to that place.

As the Board are aware, by their Various Powers Act of 1882, a portion of land formerly part of Hyde Farm, Tooting-beck-common, was transferred to the Board by the authorities of Emanuel College, Cambridge. The land has now been included within the area of the Common, but, inasmuch as it is in a very wet state, your Committee are of opinion that, for the convenience of the public, a footpath should be formed across it, from Dragmire-lane towards Streatham. The position of the path your Committee have marked on a Plan, which they submit herewith, and they recommend—

That the path be formed at an estimated cost of £92.

Your Committee have to report that, having had the cricket grounds on Hampstead-heath re-turfed for use during the season of 1884, they are of opinion that the grounds should be closed to the public until that period, with a view of allowing the turf to properly consolidate. As it is necessary that an Order of the Board should be passed in this matter, your Committee recommend—

That an Order for closing the grounds be passed accordingly.

On the 2nd February last, the Board issued a License to Joseph Bates, of No. 7, Flask-walk, Hampstead, to let animals on hire on Hampstead-heath. As Bates has recently died, it becomes desirable, in order that no improper use may be made of his License, to revoke it, and your Committee recommend accordingly.

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 6th April last (No. 64), your Committee have considered the Letters from the Plumstead District Board and the War-office, suggesting that the digging of gravel, by the Woolwich Local Board of Health, on Plumstead-common, should be stopped. Your Committee are of opinion that the practice shouldnot be continued on an open space which has been placed under

the control of the Board for the recreation of the public, but inasmuch as the Woolwich Local Board have, by an old Act of Parliament, the right to take gravel from Plumstead-common for the repair of the roads in their District, your Committee are of opinion that the only mode by which such digging could be stopped would be by the purchase of the Local Board's rights. Your Committee have reason to believe that the Woolwich Local Board would be willing to dispose of their rights; and they therefore recommend—

That they be authorised to negociate with the Local Board for the purchase of the rights.

Your Committee have to report that, in consequence of the Estate adjoining Plumstead-common, near Bramblebury-road, having been laid out for building purposes, it becomes necessary, in order to prevent encroachments, to clearly define the line of the Board's property at the point referred to. Your Committee herewith submit a Plan showing the line which, acting under the advice of your Solicitor, they consider to be the boundary of the Board's land, and they recommend—

That a post-and-rail fence be erected to such line, at an estimated cost of £42 10s.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of tobacco paper, &c., for use in Finsbury-park, and the repair of the parallel bars therein; also the purchase of barrows and fuel for use in the Victoria, Albert, and Chelsea Embankment Gardens; some planks for Chelsea Embankment, and privets for planting in Leicester-square Garden. They have also directed that some bricks, pruning knives, and a grindstone, &c., be obtained for use in Southwark-park; and some gloves, a lantern and pruning knives for use on the Tooting Commons, and also a coal-box and shovel for use in the watch-box at the Mill-fields.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) DONALD MUNRO,
JOHN RUNTZ,
GEO. EDWARDS,
WM. SHEPHERD,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
G. P. MEADEN,
GEO. HILL.

The Plans, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That eight acres of land, forming part of the children's playgrounds at the margins of Finsbury-park, next the Great Northern Railway and Seven Sisters'-road, be drained with agricultural pipes, at an estimated cost of £96.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That an expenditure of £15 be sanctioned for the purchase of trees and shrubs for planting in the Victoria Embankment-gardens, on the site of the Electric light building, recently removed, and in place of trees and shrubs in the gardens which are dead.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That, for the protection of the Victoria Embankment-gardens, a wrought-iron fence be erected along the boundary next York-terrace, as shown on the Plan now submitted, at an estimated cost of £135.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That, in the opinion of the Board, it is desirable that the Owner of the land, lying between the Victoria Embankment-gardens and Adelphi-terrace, should be asked for what price (if any) he would be willing to sell the land for the purpose of its being added to the gardens, and, in the event of the price being reasonable, that power should be sought from Parliament to enable the Board to incur the necessary expenditure.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do sanction, as an outlay on Capital Account, the expenditure necessary for labour and cartage-hire for spreading soil, filling-in, sowing with seed, and levelling the surface of Hackney-downs.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That tar-paving be laid around the sixteen new seats about to be placed on Peckham-rye-common and Nunhead-green, and also around the 42 existing seats, at an estimated cost of £1 4s. 3d. for each seat.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Assistant Land Commissioner who held the preliminary inquiry with respect to the Scheme for the management of Streatham-common, be informed in reference to his intention to insert words in his Report on the Scheme, for giving an exclusive privilege in a certain portion of the Common to local cricket clubs, that the Board, for the reasons stated in the Report of the Committee, must decline to approve of, or in any way acquiesce in, the Clause which he proposes to insert in his Report.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a path be formed across the portion of land recently added to Tooting-beck-common, under the provisions of the Board's Various Powers Act of 1882, as shown on the Plan now submitted, at an estimated cost of £92.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Cricket-grounds on Hampstead-heath, which have been recently re-turfed, be closed to the public until the commencement of the Cricket season of 1884, in order to allow the turf to consolidate.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the License issued by the Board on the 2nd February last to Joseph Bates, of No. 7, Flask-walk, Hampstead, to let animals on hire on Hampstead-heath, be, and the same is, hereby revoked.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That it be referred to the Committee to negotiate with the Woolwich Local Board of Health for the extinguishment, by purchase, if necessary, of their right to dig gravel on Plumstead-common.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a post-and-rail fence be erected to the line shown on the Plan now submitted, to define the boundary of Plumstead-common, near Bramblebury-road, at an estimated cost of £42 10s.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

14. Mr. Harben, in the absence of Lord F. J. FitzRoy, the Chairman of the Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE THAMES RIVER (PREVENTION OF FLOODS) COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 5th December, 1883.

Your Committee beg to submit a Plan of Flood-works immediately necessary for the protection of the neighbourhood of Messrs. Dowson and Worth's premises, in Narrow-street, Limehouse, No. 648 * * * * on the Board's general Plan of the District, and they recommend that the same be approved.

Your Committee recommend—

That the necessary authority be given for the execution of Flood-works at the expense of the several Owners, on the following premises—

Westminster District.

Bingley's Slate Wharf—No. 172R.

Wandsworth District.

London Steamboat Company's premises—No. 743.

Greenwich District.

Messrs. G. and W. Webb's premises—Nos. 62* and 63*.
Ravensbourne Wharf—No. 5*.

Your Committee beg to report, for the information of the Board, that proceedings were taken at the Thames Police-court on the 12th October last, for a breach of the Regulations with regard to movable dams, and that the Defendants were fined £10 and 2s. costs.

It has been reported to your Committee that the raising of the road-way adjoining the grounds of Cedar House, Chiswick, to the Board's standard level, has correspondingly reduced the height of the wall bounding the premises, and the Owners have requested the Board to raise the wall to a proper height. Your Committee have consulted your Solicitor, and are of opinion that the request should be complied with, care being taken to obtain the approval by the Owners of a Plan of the proposed raising, so that no question may hereafter arise as to the fact of its being in accordance with the request. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That the Engineer be authorised to raise the height of the fence wall.

Mr. G. Elmore, the Owner of Parliament Wharf, Westminster, No. 192B on the Plan of the District, has required the Board, under Section 31 of the Act, to accept payment of the expenses incurred in the execution of works at his premises by half-yearly instalments of such amount as will liquidate the debt, with interest at £5 per cent., per annum in 30 years. The total sum due is £12 14s. 1d., and your Accountant has reported that the amount of each half-yearly payment will be 8s. 3d., the first of which will become due on the 31st January next, and your Committee recommend—

That the Accountant be instructed to make the necessary applications to Mr. Helmore.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
WM. DEBENHAM,
CHAS. HARRIS,
HENRY HARBEN,
GEORGE BROWN.

The Plan of Flood-works necessary to be executed at Messrs. Dowson and Worth's premises, in Narrow-street, Limehouse, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Plan, now submitted, of Flood-works immediately necessary for the protection of the neighbourhood of Messrs. Dowson and Worth's premises in Narrow-street, Limehouse, No. 648**** on the Board's general Plan relating to the Limehouse District, be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Engineer be authorised to execute the Flood-works necessary at the following premises, at the expense of the several Owners thereof—

Westminster District.

Bingley's Slate Wharf—No. 172B.

Wandsworth District.

London Steamboat Company's premises—No. 743.

Greenwich District.

Messrs. G. and W. Webb's premises—Nos. 62* and 63*.
Ravensbourne Wharf—No. 5*.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Engineer be authorised to raise the height of the fence-wall of the grounds of Cedar House, Chiswick, which has been reduced by the raising of the road-way for the purpose of keeping out flood-water.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Accountant be instructed to make application half-yearly to Mr. G. Helmore for payment of the sum of 8s. 3d., being the instalment necessary to extinguish, in 30 years, the amount due to the Board in respect of Flood-works executed at Parliament-wharf, Millbank.

15. The Clerk presented a Report, as follows—

Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens,
7th December, 1883.

I have to report that the following is a list of the 47 Schemes in Parliament, Session 1883-4, for 21 Railway, 13 Tramway, 2 Electric Lighting, and 11 other works, affecting the Metropolis, in respect of which Plans, &c., have been deposited at the Office of the Board, pursuant to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons. I have, in order to save time, handed the Plans to the Engineer of the Board—

Electric Lighting.

Edison and Swan United Electric Light Company (Limited).
St. James, Westminster, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and St. George, Hanover-square Electric Lighting.

Railways.

Croydon Direct Railway.
Croydon, Norwood, Dulwich and London Railway.
East of London, Crystal Palace and South-Eastern Junction Railway.
Great Western Railway.
Hendon Railway.
London, Brighton and South Coast Railway (Various Powers).
London and North-Western Railway.
London and South-Western Railway (Various Powers).
London Central Electric Railway.
London, Chatham and Dover Railway (Shortlands and Nunhead).
London, Chatham and Dover Railway.
London, Reigate and Brighton Railway.
London, Tilbury and Southend Railway (Additional Powers).
Metropolitan and London and Tilbury and Southend Railways.
Metropolitan District Railway, Hammersmith Junction, Subway at Kensington, and additional lands.
Metropolitan Railway (Park Railway and Parliament-street Improvement).
Metropolitan Railway (Various Powers).
Mid-London Electric Railway.
Midland Railway (Additional Powers).
South-Eastern Railway (Various Powers).
Tooting, Balham and Brixton Railway.

Tramways.

East London Tramways.
Haverstock-hill and Hampstead Tramways.
Highgate-hill Extension Tramways.
Lea-bridge, Leyton and Walthamstow Tramways Extensions.
London Southern Tramways Extensions.
London Tramways.
London Street Tramways Extensions.
North Metropolitan Tramways (New Lines).
Peckham and East Dulwich Tramways.
South-East Metropolitan Tramways.
South-Eastern Metropolitan (Lewisham, Greenwich and District) Tramways.
West Metropolitan Tramways Extensions.
Western District Tramways.

Miscellaneous.

City of London and Southwark Subway.
Cromwell-road Bridge.
Hammersmith and Fulham Recreation-ground.
Kensington Public Baths.

London and St. Katharine Docks Company.
Lower Thames Steam Ferry.
Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers).
Metropolitan Board of Works (Thames Crossings).
Thames Bridge communications.
Thames Improvement Ferries and Road Communications, East of London Bridge.
Tower Duplex Bridge.

(Signed) J. E. WAKEFIELD,
Clerk of the Board.

The Clerk laid before the Board the several Plans referred to in his Report.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the said Plans, &c., be referred to the Works and General Purposes and Parliamentary Committees, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and the Superintending Architect do report to the Board thereon.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 7th December, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following District Board and Vestry—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
WANDSWORTH.				
Wycliffe-road, Battersea ...	725	15-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.
NEWINGTON.				
Larcom-street	250	12-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said District Board and Vestry be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

17. The Engineer presented a Report, as follows—

Engineer's Department,
Spring-gardens, 1st December, 1883.

MONTHLY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SEVERAL SPECIAL CONTRACT WORKS.

Ratcliff-highway, &c., Sewers Relief Lines.—Messrs. John Mowlem and Co., Contractors.—About 19,750 feet run of brick Sewers, varying in size from 7 feet 3 inches, barrel, to 4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches, egg-shape, are constructed, at an estimated cost, with other works in connection therewith, of £74,700, of which about £700 are due to the progress made in the past month The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. J. Fixter and J. Carter, at a weekly cost of £6 6s.

Essex-road, Islington (Artizans' Dwellings), Scheme.—Messrs. Nowell and Robson have completed the works contained in this Contract (undertaken by them for the sum of £8,595) for the construction of Sewers and laying paving in the streets embraced in the area of this Improvement.

Gray's inn-road Improvement.—Mr. J. J. Griffiths, Contractor.—A length of about 850 feet of brick Sewer, 4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size, is constructed, at a cost, with other works, of about £1,700, of which about £1,000 are due to the past month's progress. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. G. Skipper, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Wormwood-scrubs.—Messrs. Kellett and Bentley, Contractors.—The excavation for the entire length of the new road-way is complete, the ballast for the foundation is spread, and lengths of 1,312 feet of granite kerb and 645 feet of granite channel are laid. The estimated value of the completed work is £1,000, of which about £500 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. J. Scott, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Ranelagh and King's Scholars' Pond Sewers Relief Line.—Messrs. McCrea and McFarland, Contractors.—A total length of 860 feet of Sewers, varying in size from 10 feet 4 inches, barrel to 4 feet 3 inches by 2 feet 10 inches, egg-shape, is constructed, and further lengths of about 150 feet are in progress, at a total estimated cost of £5,000, of which about £3,200 represent the

past month's progress. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. W. Morton and W. Jeffery, at a weekly cost of £7 7s.

Deptford Storm Overflow.—Messrs. Pearson and Son, Contractors.—Lengths of 2,956 feet of Sewer (13 feet 6 inches by 11 feet in size) and 1,319 feet of Sewer (3 feet by 2 feet in size) are complete, and a further length of 26 feet of the larger of the two Sewers is in progress. The estimated value of these, and of the other works in connection therewith, is £25 850, £2,380 representing the progress made in the past month. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. H. Noble and W. Martin, at a weekly cost of £7 7s.

Clapham to Putney Relief Sewers.—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—About 10,000 feet run of new Sewers, varying in size from 9 feet by 6 feet to 4 feet 6 inches by 3 feet, are complete, and further lengths of about 500 feet are in progress. The estimated value of these and of other works in connection therewith is £37,100, of which about £3,830 are due to the past month's progress. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. C. Bedloe, R. Lynn, W. Dennis, J. Judd, G. Beagley, J. Ward, and H. Daw, at a weekly cost of £22 1s.

Waterloo Bridge (Strengthening Foundations).—Mr. W. Webster, Contractor.—The works in connection with the first five piers from the Surrey end of the Bridge are complete, and the temporary staging and permanent piling around the sixth pier are completely driven, and about half the concrete apron has been formed. Permanent work has been executed to the value, approximately, of £37,500, of which about £3,500 are due to the progress made in the past month. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. B. Butcher, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

Putney (new) Bridge.—Mr. John Waddell, Contractor.—The Contract work specified in connection with the new Putney Draw-dock has been executed, and its authorised re-construction is also complete. The temporary staging across the River, the Northern and Southern abutment coffer dams, and the four pier coffer dams, are constructed. The Surrey and Middlesex pier caissons have attained their foundation levels, and the concreting, &c., within the caissons, and of the Northern and Southern abutments is in progress. The original aqueduct and water mains have been removed. The brick sewer (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size) under the Fulham approach road-way, and the retaining and screen walls to the Fulham Vicarage are nearly completed. The total value of the permanent work executed is about £44,000, of which about £4,000 represent the progress due to the past month. The Clerks of Works employed are Messrs. A. Boag and J. Rigg, at a weekly cost of £6 6s.

Deptford-creek Bridge.—Mr. G. Moss, Contractor.—The temporary timber bascule Bridge is erected, the original structure is partly removed, some masonry of the abutment courses is completed, and a part of the new iron work has been supplied. The Clerk of Works employed is Mr. P. Sharpe, at a weekly cost of £3 3s.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received, and that it be printed and circulated among the Members of the Board, and referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration.

18. Read a Report, as follows—

Engineer's Department,
Spring-gardens,
1st December, 1883.

On further Letters from the Commissioner of Police, again calling attention to certain defects in the Electric Lighting of the Victoria Embankment.

On the 23rd ultimo I reported to the Board relative to defects in the lighting of the Embankment on the nights of the 29th October, and the 2nd, 4th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st November, respectively. The Clerk, by direction of the Board, at once wrote to the Jablockhoff Company, calling their attention to these repeated failures in the lighting arrangements, and requesting them to adopt, without delay, some efficient measures for remedying the defects.

I present the reply of the Company, dated 3rd instant, expressing their regret at the failures, and stating that they have ordered a special inquiry to be made into the cause of the same. They add that they have had new driving belts substituted for the old ones, and have directed that all the wires be tested thoroughly, and extra precautions taken to prevent the recurrence of the failures.

Since the date (24th ultimo) of the Clerk's Letter to the Company, further Reports have been received from the Police to the effect that, on the 25th ultimo, the lights between Charing-cross and Waterloo Bridge were extinguished from 7.25 to 7.48 p.m., and those between

Waterloo Bridge and the City from 7.45 to 7.50 p.m. ; that on the 26th ultimo, those between Waterloo Bridge and the Needle were extinguished for ten minutes, and that on the 30th ultimo, five lamps East of Waterloo Bridge went out at 10.12 p.m., and were not again illuminated.

In addition to the Reports by the Police, Reports have also been made by the Board's Officers to the effect that the first three lamps on the Embankment, from Blackfriars Bridge have not been lighted for several nights consecutively ; that on the 24th and 25th ult. there were defects in the lighting of Waterloo Bridge, and that on the 3rd instant ten of the lamps on the Embankment were not lighted till 4.50 p.m., and five not till 6 p m. ; that five lamps Westward from Waterloo Bridge were out from 7.20 to 7.30 p.m. ; that 10 lamps East of that Bridge were out from 7.30 to 7.35 p.m. ; and that these 10 lamps again went out at 9.35 p.m., and were not re-lighted that night ; that, on the 5th instant, 5 lamps near the Needle were not lighted all the evening, whilst several others were extinguished for a few minutes ; and that last night all the lamps went out at 5.43, some of them not being re-lighted till 7 o'clock. It is further reported that all the lights are extinguished nightly at about 10.30 or 10.45 o'clock.

In anticipation of the failure in the lighting of the Embankment and Bridge on the night of Sunday, the 25th ult. being reported to the Board, the Company's Assistant Secretary wrote to me on the 27th, stating that the failure was caused by the breaking of one of the belts, and that to ensure against such an accident again occurring, their Engineer had had new belting put on all the dynamos.

I recommend that the Clerk do again call the Company's attention to these repeated failures, and especially to the fact that two or three of the lamps nearest Blackfriars Bridge have not been lighted for the past three weeks, and inform the Company that they will be held liable for any accidents that may arise from such defective lighting, and that unless the cause of complaint is at once removed, the Board will adopt such course as may appear necessary to meet the case.

(Signed) J. W. BAZALGETTE,
Engineer.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Clerk do communicate with the Company, as suggested in the Report, and that the matter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th December, 1883, on a Letter from the Hornsey Local Board, enclosing a copy of a Letter from Mr. J. Tidmarsh, complaining of the alleged imperfect scavenging and lighting of Endymion-road, Finsbury-park ; stating, with respect to the complaint that the mud was scraped into heaps at the side of the kerb, and there left for days ; that Mr. Cochrane, the Park Superintendent who had charge of the road, had reported that the mud heaps were always cleared away immediately that they had become sufficiently solidified to remain in the cart ; that with respect to the alleged badly lighted road, the distances of the lamps were arranged (at the outset) by a Committee of this Board, so as to be in general accord with the other lamps in the locality ; that those erected by the Board had hitherto answered their purpose, and that he could not recommend that the number should be increased ; further stating that the Board had done everything required of them by the Act, with regard to the formation and maintenance of the road, which would pass to the charge of the Local Board in December, 1885, and recommending that the complainant be informed to the foregoing effect.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that Mr. Tidmarsh be informed in accordance therewith.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th December, 1883, submitting a Letter from Mr. G. Farren, stating that on the 1st ultimo he had sent some specimens of Welsh granite cubes for the approval of the Board, and asking whether such approval had been given ; recommending that the Clerk do inform Mr. Farren that the Board decline to express any opinion upon the quality of any granite, excepting such as may be delivered on their works under the terms of the Contracts for such works.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Clerk do communicate with Mr. Farren accordingly.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 7th December, 1883, recommending that the following quantities of Coal should be ordered for use at the undermentioned Pumping Stations—

	Estimate. £ s. d.
Abbey Mills Station.	
1,000 Tons of Welsh Coal	791 13 4
1,000 ,, Tanfield-moor Coal	675 0 0
Crossness Station.	
100 Tons of New Pelton Gas Coal	75 0 0
30 ,, Wallsend (periodical allowance to Staff) ...	27 15 0
Deptford Station.	
300 Tons of Welsh Coal	233 15 0
300 ,, Tanfield-moor Coal	200 0 0
Western Station.	
150 Tons of Welsh Coal	120 12 6
150 ,, Tanfield-moor Coal	105 0 0
Total	£2,228 15 10

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 7th December, 1883, recommending the execution of the following works, under the General Contracts—

	Estimate.
Northern Outfall Sewer.	
Repairing the Board's Mill-meads River-wall, from the Sewer to the Three Mills Distillery boundary fence; repairing the cope of the Creek wall, and stopping the settlement of the Creek wall over the Board's Galleon's sluice	160 0 0
Bridge-road, Battersea.	
Constructing a side-entrance to the Main Sewer	35 0 0
Total	£195 0 0

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the several works be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 7th December, 1883, on Letters from Mr. Wolfe Barry, the Engineer of the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway (City Lines and Extensions), stating that a dispute had arisen between himself and the City Authorities as to the levels of the new street which the Company were forming between Pudding-lane and Botolph-lane, and that they had agreed to refer the matter to the arbitration of Captain Galton; and asking whether the Board would wish to urge any particular views, or if they would agree to the question being settled by Captain Galton, as Arbitrator, and if they would attend before him with that object on Monday next; stating that, as the matter affected the City Authorities more immediately than the Board, it appeared to him (the Engineer) that the Board might safely leave the matter in the hands of those authorities, and agree to accept the decision of Captain Galton, if the City did the same.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that Mr. Barry be informed accordingly.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 7th December, 1883, submitting Letters from the Saint Giles and the Strand District Boards, asking, in the event of there being a heavy fall of Snow, that they might be allowed to cart the Snow from their roads into the River over the Victoria Embankment wall; recommending that permission be granted, upon condition that the District Boards shall properly protect the parapet wall and the foot-way from injury, that they shall make good any damage that may be done, and that they shall obtain the sanction of the Thames Conservators to the casting of the Snow into the River.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted, upon the conditions recommended therein.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 5th December, 1883, submitting a Letter from the Engineer of the Surrey Commercial Docks Company, asking, inasmuch as the Company are especially interested in the question of the Thames crossings, that he might be furnished with a copy of the Plans recently deposited by the Board in connection with their Bill; recommending that the application should be complied with, and that a copy of the Plans be also sent to the London, &c., Docks Company, who are interested in the question.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon.

26. The Solicitor reported with respect to the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Bill, 1884, and the Metropolitan Board of Works (Thames Crossings) Bill, that the necessary deposits of Plans and Books of Reference had been made on the 30th ultimo, with the various Clerks of the Peace, Vestries and District Boards, and at the Offices of the various public Departments, as required by the Standing Orders.

27. The Solicitor reported that Notices had appeared in the public newspapers with respect to the undermentioned Bills to be introduced next Session—

Fulham District Electric Lighting (Provisional Order).
Western District Tramways.
Westminster District Electric Lighting (Provisional Order).

28. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Conveyance to Mr. A. King, of part of Plot No. 23 in Northumberland-avenue.

Conveyance (Deed of exchange) and duplicate thereof, by the Board and the Master, Warden and Scholars of Emanuel College, Cambridge, of a strip of ground at Dragmire-lane, Tooting-beck-common.

Assignment by Mr. W. Harris and Mrs. M. A. Harris, of Nos. 19 and 20, Flower and Dean-street, Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9, Upper Keate-street, Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13, Lower Keate-street, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3, George-street, Christchurch, Spitalfields, and a Memorial for the registration of the same. (Whitechapel Scheme under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act.)

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively.

29. The Solicitor reported that the arrangement for the advance of the second instalment of the Loan of £200,000 to the School Board for London, had been completed, and the Cheque for £100,000 duly handed over in exchange for the proper security.

30. The Solicitor read a Report, as follows—

7th December, 1883.

The Board against the Willesden Local Board.

This action was brought for an Injunction to restrain the Local Board from causing or authorising any Sewage to flow into the Ranelagh Sewer, or the Stamford-brook (East Branch) Sewer, from the Parish of the Defendants, which is outside the Metropolitan area.

The case was transferred from the Chancery Division to the Queen's Bench Division, and was heard by Mr. Baron Pollock on the 26th, 27th and 28th November, and the learned Judge delivered judgment on Monday last.

The practical question for the decision of the Court was, whether as to houses to be hereafter erected in Willesden, the Defendants, the Willesden Local Board, should be restrained from causing or permitting the Sewage to pass into the Ranelagh Sewer and Stamford-brook (East branch) Sewer, whereby it would find its way into the Metropolitan area. The Vice Chancellor Hall, in the case of The Board *v.* The London and North Western Railway Company, and Mr. Justice Fry (now one of the Lords Justices) in the case of the Board *v.* The Acton Local Board, granted Injunctions to prevent any new buildings outside the Metropolitan area, being drained into Sewers passing into the Metropolitan area, but in the present case Mr. Baron Pollock, as to the Kilburn district of the Parish of Willesden, has refused the Injunction asked for, and as to the Harlesden District, has given it in a modified form only, and the learned Judge seeks to distinguish the case from the London and North-Western and Acton cases. I think the Board may wish to consider as to appealing against the decision, and perhaps it may be considered desirable to refer the matter to the Works and General Purposes Committee, with power to take such action, as to appeal or otherwise, as the Committee may think expedient.

(Signed) R. WARD,
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

31. The Solicitor presented a copy of the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation Act (No. 5), 1883, which received the Royal assent on the 25th August last, and stated that it confirmed Orders relating to the supply of Electricity in the districts of Bermondsey, Clerkenwell, Hampstead, Holborn, Hornsey, St. George-in-the-East, St. Giles (Brush), St. James and St. Martin's, St. Luke's and Wandsworth.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Act be referred to the Engineer, to see that the provisions thereof, in which the Board are concerned, are duly observed.

32. The Solicitor reported that it was important, if the Scheme relating to Streatham-common was to be confirmed by Parliament next Session, that the Agreement with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners should be exchanged as soon as possible, and that it was probable that he might be able to settle the Agreement without delay, and he suggested that the Board should authorise the Chairman to affix the Common Seal to the Agreement, and duplicate, when ready.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman be requested and authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Board to the said Agreement, and the duplicate thereof, when ready.

33. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £7,000 to the Wandsworth District Board, and he suggested that this Board should now pass an Order authorising the District Board to borrow the amount, and also draw a Cheque for the same.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, or some or one of them, have applied to the Metropolitan Board of Works for their sanction, in writing, to the borrowing by the said District Board, on the security of all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by the said District Board, under the first-mentioned Act, within the said District, of a sum of Seven thousand pounds, for the purpose of defraying part of the expense incurred, or to be incurred, by the said District Board in executing certain new granite-paving works in Wandsworth-road, and High-street, Clapham, within the said District. And whereas the Metropolitan

Board of Works have fully considered the matter of the said application, and it is made to appear to them fit and proper that the said sum of Seven thousand pounds should be borrowed by the said District Board for the purpose aforesaid. Therefore it is ordered that the sanction in writing of the Metropolitan Board of Works be given, and the same is hereby given, to the borrowing by the said District Board, under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, of a sum of Seven thousand pounds, for the purpose aforesaid, such Loan to bear interest at the rate of three pounds ten shillings per centum per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal to be re-paid by equal annual instalments within a period of Twenty years.

The Solicitor laid before the Board two copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £7,000 be now drawn in favour of the Wandsworth District Board; and a Cheque was drawn on the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

34. The Solicitor reported that the new road through Brook-green having been formed to the satisfaction of the Engineer of the Board, and in accordance with the Agreement, dated 9th October, 1882, between the Tustees of the Will of the late Mr. John Bird, the Fulham District Board, and this Board, the sale and conveyance to this Board, under that Agreement, might now be carried out, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for £1,500, for the purchase-money, in favour of Mrs. Hannah Holland, Mr. S. T. Holland and Mr. F.May, and he presented the usual form of request for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £1,500 be now drawn in favour of Mrs. Hannah Holland, Mr. S. T. Holland, and Mr. F. May; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. F. Dewey, Clerk to the Vestry of Islington, dated 30th November, 1883, with a Memorial, on the subject of the rates charged by the various Water Companies of the Metropolis, and praying the Board to seek, in the ensuing Session, Parliamentary power for dealing with the Companies with a view to abating the injustice complained of, and providing for one uniform and fair rate of charge for water throughout the Metropolis.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the said Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Commiteee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

36. The Clerk presented four Letters from Mr. H. Blake, Principal Clerk to the City Commissioners of Sewers, dated 1st December, 1883, stating that the Commissioners had ascertained the estimated cost of the undermentioned Improvements to be as follows—

Fleet-street, between Chancery-lane and the new Law Courts ...	£52,200	0	0
Nos. 41, 44, and 45, Basinghall-street	8,425	0	0
Entrance to Milton-street (exclusive of that part of the Improvement in front of the premises adjoining No. 44, which remains in abeyance)	7,380	0	0
Nos. 21, 22, and 23, Swan-street, Minories	6,566	0	0

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subjects to which they relate.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Chamber of London, Guildhall,
1st December, 1883.

THAMES EMBANKMENT AND METROPOLIS IMPROVEMENT FUND.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to inform you that I have this day applied for a receivable Order from the Treasury for the payment to the above Account at the Bank of England, of the sum of £69,483 19s. 7d., being the net proceeds of the Coal and Wine Duties payable to that Fund for the quarter ended the 30th September last.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) BENJAMIN SCOTT,
Chamberlain.

To J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. F. Dethridge, Clerk to the Vestry of Paddington, dated 1st December, 1883, with copy of the following Resolution of the Vestry—

At a meeting of the Vestry of the Parish of Paddington, held on Wednesday the 28th November, 1883,

Present.—Mr. Churchwarden Parker-Young, in the Chair, it was

RESOLVED—"That, in the opinion of this Vestry, the proposed amalgamation of the South Metropolitan Gas Company with the Gas Light and Coke Company is highly objectionable, and ought to be opposed.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the said Resolution be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. J. Phipps, dated 1st December, 1883, on behalf of the Owners of the Imperial Theatre, Westminster, enclosing a Notice of Appeal from the requisitions of the Board with respect to the alterations necessary for remedying the structural defects of the Theatre, and stating that he had taken that course as a precautionary measure, and that he would advise the Owners to do the works, required by the Board's Notice.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee.

40. The Clerk presented Letters, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
4th December, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge your Letter, dated the 21st ultimo, and on behalf of the Commissioners of Sewers to thank your Board for the favourable consideration given to the several applications of the Commissioners in regard to the Improvement of Ludgate-hill, and as the Commissioners have expended large sums of money in respect of Improvements for which, under the rules laid down by your Board, they are not in a position to claim the promised contributions, I have, on their behalf, to request that your Board will consider whether they cannot assist them by means of a vote in aid, in respect of some of their large Improvements, such as Ludgate-hill, on which the Commissioners have expended £90,000, and Fleet-street, on which they have expended upwards of £97,000, and the net cost of which is estimated at £52,200.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) HY. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
7th December, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

GENTLEMEN,—Referring to the correspondence and conference which took place in 1879 between your Honourable Board and the Commissioners of Sewers, relative to an Improvement

in Fleet-street adjoining the new Law Courts, I am directed to inform you that the Commissioners have since been actively pursuing the matter, and it has been arranged to set back the property between Chancery-lane and the said Law Courts, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

The cost of the Improvement is estimated at £52,200, independent of the professional expenses, and the Commissioners confidently rely that your Honourable Board will liberally aid them in defraying the same.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) H^Y. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Lushington, Home Office, dated 4th December, 1883, intimating the concurrence of the Home Secretary in the Board's decision to take no action on the Representation of the Medical Officer of Health for Bermondsey, as to an unhealthy area in the neighbourhood of Salisbury-place and Foxlow-street, and expressing regret that the Board had not taken action in the matter at an earlier date.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

42. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 4th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·1	16·8	17·0	8·2	6·9	7·4	0·4	0·0	0·2	None.
	Camden ..	17·5	16·6	17·0	9·8	8·6	9·2	0·3	0·1	0·2	„
	Dalston ..	17·1	16·5	16·8	10·7	9·2	9·8	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Bow	17·2	16·5	16·8	14·5	10·3	12·5	1·0	0·8	0·9	„
	Chelsea	17·0	16·2	16·6	16·5	11·0	13·3	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·4	16·7	17·1	12·5	8·3	9·7	0·1	0·0	0·0	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)..	22·2	21·7	21·6	13·6	10·5	12·4	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	16·6	16·2	16·4	12 0	10·5	11·4	0.4	0·0	0·3	
	Tooley-street ..	16·4	16·1	16·1	13·3	9·4	11·9	0·4	0·0	0·1	„
	Clapham ..	16·4	16·0	16·2	17·0	12·1	13·6	0·4	0·0	0·1	„
	Lewisham ..	16·9	16·1	16·4	21·2	9·0	12·4	0·8	0·4	0·6	„
Commercial Gas Company.. . ..	Old Ford ..	Station closed for repairs.									
	St. George-in-the-East ..	16 8	16·2	16·6	15·8	11·2	13·5	0·3	0·1	0·2	„

43. BETHNAL-GREEN.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. R. P. Notley, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the forecourt of No. 410, Hackney-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

44. CAMBERWELL.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. J. Dickins, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection, to an advanced line, and the erection of one storey shops, upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 208 to 224, Albany-road, at the corner of Villa-street, and the re-erection of Nos. 94 to 104, Villa-street, to the lines shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

45. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Austin, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Granville-villas, on the East side of Victoria-road, Peckham, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces separating the proposed shops from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

46. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 28th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. J. and J. Belcher, on behalf of Mr. J. Wheeler, for the consent of the Board to the erection of bay-windows and porticoes, on portions of the forecourts of Nos. 39 and 41, Camberwell-grove, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Dresser Rogers, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

47. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. A. Bewley, on behalf of Dr. Towne, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey building on a portion of the forecourt of No. 99, Rectory-road, Stoke Newington, at the corner of Brooke-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

48. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. May, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a conservatory upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 63, Dartmouth-road, Forest-hill, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

49. Newington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Grose Brothers, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two one-storey shops, upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 338 and 340, Walworth-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that, previously to the commencement of building operations, the spaces separating the proposed shops from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

50. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. J. Pyke, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a vestibule, and the extension of a bay-window, upon portions of the forecourt of Devonshire-place House, Marylebone-road, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

51. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Ernest, George and Peto, for approval by the Board

of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards at the rear of a house known as "Sunnyside," in Christchurch-road, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

52. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Phillips, on behalf of the Executors of the late Mr. Thorley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron building at Thornhill Bridge, Caledonian-road, King's-cross.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

53. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. H. Kingsford, for the permission of the Board to retain a temporary shed erected at the Woodside Lawn Tennis-ground, at the rear of Victoria-road, Gipsy-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

54. St. Giles-in-the-Fields.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Picking, on behalf of Messrs. Meux and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at the Horse Shoe Brewery, in Tottenham-court-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

55. St. Luke, Old-street.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. Morton, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron building at the rear of No. 167, City-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

56. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th December, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, relative to the abandonment of the formation of Inver-road, Mount Pleasant-lane, Clapton.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

57. Kensington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th December, 1883, on a Letter from the Vestry of Kensington, relative to the formation of a Mews leading out of Redfield-lane, Earl's-court.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

58. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 4th December, 1883, on a Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the re-erection of a fence on the East side of Church-walk, enclosing the premises of the South London Tramways Company, and requesting that the necessary proceedings might be taken to cause such fence to be set back 20 feet from the centre of the road-way.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

59. St. Saviour, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Crosse, on behalf of Messrs.

Measures Brothers, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a warehouse in Southwark-street, Borough, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

60. Chelsea.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Feltham Brothers, for approval by the Board of the extent of open space at the rear of proposed houses in Cremorne-road, Stadium-street, and Burnaby-street, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

61. Camberwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for approval by this Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building on the North side of Turney-road, Dulwich.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a period of Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owners do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

62. Hampstead.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. T. Potter, relative to the erection of stables on the South side of West-end-avenue, at the corner of Finchley-road, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road-way.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

63. Newington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th December, 1883, on Letters from Mr. G. Lansdown, District Surveyor, and Mr. F. Matcham, stating that a Disagreement having arisen between them relative to the construction of portions of the Box saloon at the Elephant and Castle Theatre, in New Kent-road, they in accordance with the 30th Section of the Building Act, submitted the matter for the consideration of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter of Disagreement be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report; that it be considered by the Board on Friday next, at One o'clock p.m., and that the parties concerned be requested to attend.

64. Poplar.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Whitford & Co., on behalf of the Thames Conservancy, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron roof and enclosure at the Port of London Wharf, in Wharf-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

65. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Wheeler and Hollands, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to ten houses on the South side of Stanthorpe-road, and to one house on the West side of Ambleside-avenue, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

66. WANDSWORTH.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 6th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. B. Michell, on behalf of the British Land Company, for approval by the Board of the names "Schubert-road, S.W.," "Mexfield-road, S.W.," and "Canford-road, S.W.," for three new roads, to lead out of West-hill, Wandsworth, the formation of which was approved by the Board on the 23rd ultimo (No 76.)

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the proposed names be approved.

67. GREENWICH—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, a License in respect of a temporary iron building to be erected at Blackheath-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 14th instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 18.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **14th** day of **December**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Charles Harris, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.	James Ebenezer Saunders, Esq., Deputy.
Donald Munro, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	George Hill, Esq.
George Edwards, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.	George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	Edward Rider Cook, Esq.
John Tolhurst, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.	William Halford Fell, Esq.
John Runtz, Esq.	John Jones, Esq.	Robert Cox, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.	Robert Jones, Esq.	Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.
Alfred Ewin, Esq.	Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.	
John Abbott, Esq.	George Brown, Esq.	
Robert Furniss, Esq.	Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.	
Sir Charles Whetham, Alderman.	William Robson, Esq.	
John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.		

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 7th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. Mr. Meaden handed in a Letter, as follows—

The Board of Works for the Wandsworth District,

Battersea-rise, S.W.,
13th December, 1883.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by this Board to inform you that they have had under consideration the Memorial addressed to the Metropolitan Board of Works by the Board of Works for the Lewisham District, in October last, in favour of such Board being represented by two Members at the Metropolitan Board, and praying the Metropolitan Board of Works to apply to Parliament for an alteration or increase in the representation of the several Parishes and Districts in the Metropolis, as their altered circumstances require, and I am to state that this Board approve of the Memorial in question.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) ARTHUR ALEXR. CORSELLIS, Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Meaden, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

3. Mr. Runtz handed in a Letter, as follows—

Board of Works for the Hackney District,

Town-hall, Hackney, E.,
13th December, 1883.

Dear Sir,—The Board of Works for the Hackney District are desirous of effecting an Improvement by widening the entrance of Sidney-road, Homerton, by adding to the Highway the slip of land coloured Red on the Plan and duplicate enclosed. The estimated cost of carrying this into effect is £150, and the road forming an important inlet into Homerton is much used and the Improvement urgently needed. My Board desire me to ask whether the Metropolitan Board of Works would be willing to contribute a moiety of the cost thereof.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) RICHARD ELLIS,
Per G.G.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Runtz, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

4. Alderman Sir C. Whetham handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
29th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London are availing themselves of a favourable opportunity to continue the improvement of Warwick-lane, in respect of which they have recently addressed your Honourable, Board by setting back the premises Nos. 8 and 11, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

The Commissioners will hereafter submit an estimate in relation to this portion of the work, in the hope that your Honourable Board will assist them in regard to the same, as in the previously executed widenings within the said thoroughfare.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved Alderman Sir C. Whetham, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

5. Alderman Sir C. Whetham handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall.
24th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London have recently had their attention called to an opportunity presented by the pulling down of Nos. 17 and 18, Fetter-lane, to set them back as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

The establishment of the Record Office and new Law Courts in the immediate vicinity make it the more important to afford every possible facility to the increasing traffic of the locality, and the Commissioners trust that your Honourable Board will aid them in defraying the cost of such Improvement.

In this hope they will hereafter cause an estimate of the cost to be prepared and submitted to you.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Alderman Sir C. Whetham, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

6. Alderman Sir C. Whetham handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
24th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London have been strongly urged by Petition from the inhabitants of Long-lane, to set back three projecting houses, viz., Nos. 22, 23 and 24, in the said Lane, for the improvement of that thoroughfare, it being even represented that great danger arises from this portion of the thoroughfare being at present so narrow.

The Commissioners after due consideration, having decided that it is an improvement urgently needed, are prepared to undertake it, and as your Honourable Board have hitherto aided them in the Improvements effected in the said Lane, they trust that, at the proper time you will contribute to this also, with which view they will hereafter cause an estimate to be prepared and submitted to you of the cost of effecting the said Improvement as shown by the accompanying Plan.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Alderman Sir C. Whetham, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

7. Alderman Sir C. Whetham handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
24th November, 1883

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London have recently availed themselves of an opportunity offered by the re-building of the premises Nos. 195, 196 and 197, Upper Thames-street, to set them back, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan in furtherance of their scheme for improving this important line of thoroughfare from time to time as facilities present themselves.

The cost of this Improvement, independent of the professional expenses, has been arranged at £675, and the Commissioners rely that your Honourable Board will assist them therein, as you have in regard to the various widenings previously executed in the said thoroughfare.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Alderman Sir C. Whetham, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

8. Alderman Sir C. Whetham handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
24th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen.—In continuation of the Improvement at the corner of Gracechurch-street and Leadenhall-street, to which your Honourable Board contributed, the Commissioners of Sewers have recently availed themselves of a favourable opportunity to acquire the Freehold of No. 94, Gracechurch-street, with a view of setting the premises back to the improved line, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

I am directed to bring the matter to the notice of your Honourable Board, and the Commissioners will hereafter submit an estimate of the cost of this additional Improvement, in the hope that you will assist them therein, in the same manner as you did in setting back the adjoining property.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Alderman Sir C. Whetham, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

9. Alderman Sir C. Whetham handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
24th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London are endeavouring to arrange for the improvement of New Broad-street and London-wall, as shown by the accompanying Plan.

Every Improvement that can be effected in this neighbourhood is of the utmost importance to the public, on account of the enormous traffic to and from the Railway Stations in Liverpool-street.

The Commissioners, with confidence, therefore, submit the matter to your Honourable Board, in the expectation that you will liberally aid them in carrying out this important work, and in that hope they will hereafter cause an estimate to be furnished of the cost to be incurred in this much needed Improvement.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Alderman Sir C. Whetham, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

10. Alderman Sir C. Whetham handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
24th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers have recently availed themselves of a favourable opportunity to set back property projecting in Fenchurch-street, at a part where, on account of its proximity to the Blackwall Railway Station, an improvement of the public way was urgently needed.

They have accordingly arranged for setting back the said property, Nos. 107 and 108 Fenchurch-street, as shown by the accompanying Plan.

This is in continuation of an Improvement to which your Honourable Board contributed some years ago, and the Commissioners rely that you will assist them with regard to this portion in the same liberal spirit.

The cost, independent of the professional expenses, has been settled at £4,100.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Alderman Sir C. Whetham, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

11. Alderman Sir C. Whetham handed in a Letter, as follows—

London, Sewers' Office, Guildhall,
29th November, 1883.

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Gentlemen,—The Commissioners of Sewers having arranged to set back the premises in Warwick-lane, near Amen-corner, it becomes necessary, in order to complete the Improvement in that portion of the thoroughfare to set back the property, No 1, Amen corner, abutting upon Warwick-lane, and they are accordingly taking steps to effect the Improvement, as shown by the Red tint upon the accompanying Plan.

Your Honourable Board having already contributed to certain portions of the Improvement in Warwick-lane, the Commissioners rely that what they are now doing will commend itself to your favourable consideration, and that at the proper time you will aid them in regard to the cost thereof, in which expectation they will hereafter submit an estimate for completing this portion of the Improvement.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Hy. BLAKE,
Principal Clerk.

The Plan referred to was laid before the Board.

It was moved by Alderman Sir C. Whetham, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—That the said Letter and Plan be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

12. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Works and General Purposes Committee.

Spring-gardens, 10th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

Northumberland-avenue.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Craven—(2664)—			
Bonnor, G.—			
266 Costs of Title and Conveyance			46 6 11
Main Drainage and Main Sewers.			
Re Künderman's Trustees (Putney to Clapham)—(2665)—			
Winter and Co.—			
1028 Costs of Title and Conveyance		35 - -	
Re Mitchell's Trustees (Putney to Clapham)—(2666)—			
De Jersey, Micklem and Son—			
1029 Costs relative to acknowledgment of right of Board to production of deeds		2 - -	
		- - -	37 - -
Streets (*Act of* 1877).			
Re Serjeant (Piccadilly)—(2667)—			
Bolton, Robbins, Busk and Co.—			
6623 Costs of Title and Conveyance		25 - -	
Re Sage (Gray's-inn-road)—(2668)—			
Hughes, Hooker, Buttanshaw and Thunder—			
6624 Costs of Title and Conveyance		39 9 5	
Carried forward		£64 9 5	83 6 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	64 9 5	83 6 11
Re Taylor's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2669)—		
Jones, H. C.—		
6625 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	13 5 6	
Re E. Brown (Charing-cross, &c.)—(2670)—		
Brown, Mrs. E.—		
6626 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 9 and 10, Grafton-street	522 – –	
Walker, S.—		
6627 Surveyor's Fee, as per Contract	14 14 –	
Re Cumberlege (Piccadilly, &c.)—(2671)—		
Lammin, W. H.—		
6628 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.— ...	15 3 –	
Re O'Connell (Piccadilly, &c.)—(2672)—		
Veal, R. H.—		
6629 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	12 18 4	
Re Hewitt (Piccadilly, &c.)—(2673)—		
Bridges, Sawtell, Heywood and Co.—		
6630 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	13 11 6	
Re Joseph (Piccadilly, &c.)—(2674)—		
Joseph, A.—		
6631 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 9 and 10, Grafton-street...	260 – –	
Fuller and Fuller—		
6632 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	9 9 –	
Re Bailey (Piccadilly)—(2675)—		
Bailey, John—		
6633 Purchase-money for Yearly Tenancy in No. 19, Litchfield-street, Soho, including Trade compensation	200 – –	
Baines, C., and Ball—		
6634 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	7 7 –	
Re Pointing's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2676)—		
Purchas, A., and Hole, Miss C.—		
6635 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in premises in Horse and Dolphin-yard ...	680 – –	
Baines, C., and Ball—		
6636 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	15 15 –	
		1,828 12 9
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Josaphat—(2677)—		
Phillips, H. M.—		
61 Costs of Title and Conveyance	6 7 6	
Re Hedicke—(2678)—		
Hedicke, M.—		
62 Compensation for Yearly Tenancy in portion of No. 1, Weston-street	75 – –	
Carried forward	£81 7 6	1,911 19 8

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	81 7 6	1,911 19 8
Baines, C., and Ball—		
63 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	5 5 –	86 12 6
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).		
Re Scott (Putney)—(2679)—		
Styer, W. B.—		
564 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.		22 13 10
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Glynes (Goulston-street)—(2680)—		
Hume, Bird and Eldridge—		
5036 Costs of Arbitration	27 12 8	
Re Crapnell (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2681)—		
Baddeley, E.—		
5037 Costs of Arbitration	10 15 –	
Tiddeman, H. T.—(2682)—		
Costs of Arbitration—		
5038 *Re* Heilbroun (Goulston-street) £99 17 4		
,, Brierley 23 7 10		
,, Bernel 62 11 8		
	185 16 10	224 4 6
Consolidated Loans Fund.		
Re Cox's Trustees (Piccadilly)—(2683)—		
Rogers, Mrs. J. M.—		
976 Rent of Nos. 7 and 8, Angel-court, Great Windmill-street, from Michaelmas to 22nd November, 1883 (less Tax)	15 3 9	
Re Whitting's Trustees (Piccadilly, &c.)—(2684)—		
Lucas and Sons—		
977 One-quarter's Rent of No. 24, Grafton-street, Soho, to Michaelmas, 1883 (less Tax) ...	18 7 2	
Re Cumberlege (Piccadilly, &c.)—(2685)—		
Surrey, C. R.—		
978 Proportion of Rent, less Ground-rent, of No. 69, Dudley-street, from Michaelmas to 30th November, 1883 (less Tax), and proportion of Premium of Insurance	7 12 3	41 3 2
		£2,286 13 8

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the Letters from Mr. G. Dethridge, Inspector of Gas-meters for the Southern District, referred by the Board on the 5th October last (No. 39) and 9th ultimo (No. 51). In the first of these Letters Mr. Dethridge forwarded a medical Certificate stating that leave of absence for several months was necessary to enable him to recover his health, so far as to be able to resume duty. Shortly after sending this Certificate Mr. Dethridge returned to his duty for two or three weeks, but, finding that he was too weak and ill to go on, he was obliged to again give up. In the second Letter, which was referred by the Board on the 9th ultimo, Mr. Dethridge again applied for three months' leave of absence.

As Mr. Dethridge had been absent, with the exception of the two or three weeks above mentioned, since the middle of July, and as owing to his advanced age (considerably over 70) and the weakness from which he was suffering, there appeared little chance of his being able permanently to resume duty, your Committee suggested to him that the better course would be for him to resign his office in consideration of the Board granting him a Superannuation Allowance. This Mr. Dethridge has done, and your Committee submit herewith the Letter of resignation. Mr. Dethridge has held the office of Gas-meter Inspector for the Southern District 22 years, and he was over 50 years of age when he was appointed. The 5th Section of the Superannuations Act, 1866, empowers the Board, in reckoning the amount of the Retiring Allowance to be granted to an Officer who was more than 30 years old when he was appointed, and who was in possession of special qualifications, to add ten years to his service, and your Committee are of opinion that the case of Mr. Dethridge is one in which this power should be exercised. They accordingly recommend—

That his resignation be accepted, and that, in consideration of his age and length of service, a Retiring Allowance of £117 6s. 8d. per annum be granted to him.

The Board, on the 5th October last (No. 39), referred to your Committee Letters from Mr. R. Dethridge, one of the Assistants at the testing-house in Southwark-street, and from Mr. C. E. Mills, Assistant at the Westminster Gas-testing Office, asking to be allowed to take the temporary management of the Southwark-street Office. The management of this Office has, however, during Mr. G. Dethridge's illness, been under the charge of one of the other Inspectors, and it has been unnecessary to make any further arrangements. Your Committee now recommend—

That the question of appointing a successor to Mr. G. Dethridge be referred to them for consideration and report.

In compliance with the reference by the Board of the 23rd ultimo (No. 30), your Committee have considered the question of filling the vacancy in the Conveyancing branch of your Solicitor's Department, caused by the death of Mr. W. Hogarth, a Third-class Assistant. Your Solicitor has expressed an opinion that Mr. H. Harvey, who was appointed a Fourth-class Assistant in November, 1882, would be qualified to discharge the duties of an Officer of the Third Class, and has suggested that he should be placed at the bottom of that Class, and that a new Fourth-class Assistant should be appointed. Your Committee, after carefully considering the matter, are unable to concur in that portion of the suggestion which relates to the promotion of Mr. Harvey, who, it must be borne in mind, has been only one year in the Board's service. They, however, approve the proposal to appoint a new Fourth-class Assistant, and recommend the Board to adopt that course. The Board, on the 23rd ultimo (No. 9), directed that the names of Mr. D. P. Andrews and Mr. P. J. Edwards, who had passed an examination satisfactorily, should be registered in the Minutes, and that they should be appointed to fill the next vacancies for Fourth-class Assistants which might arise in any of the Departments. Under the terms of that Resolution, your Committee have now to recommend—

That Mr. D. P. Andrews be appointed a Fourth-class Assistant in the Solicitor's Department at the commencing salary of that Class, viz., £80 per annum.

Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Superintending Architect, relative to the duties discharged by Michael Collins, as foreman of Hoarding and Shoring, in superintending on Sundays the watchmen employed in protecting the Board's property, these watchmen being employed seven days in the week. Michael Collins is employed by the Board at £2 a week, and your Superintending Architect has hitherto arranged to pay him an extra 5s. for his Sunday duty. It is contrary to the practice of the Board that any of their servants should, unless in a case of absolute necessity, be employed seven days a week throughout the year, and your Committee think it undesirable that there should be an exception to this rule in the case of Michael

Collins, and the watchmen employed in protecting the Board's property. Your Committee find, after consultation with your Superintending Architect, that by the employment of two additional watchmen to relieve the others in turn, he could avoid the necessity of employing any of them more than six days a week, and they recommend—

That your Superintending Architect be instructed to arrange accordingly.

With respect to the superintendence of the watchmen, your Superintending Architect suggests that A. E. Maddox, who is now employed as a watchman, and who receives 28s. a week, should be employed as an additional Inspector, and that his work should be to assist in the inspection of Working-class Dwellings, in which assistance is sometimes necessary, and also in the superintendence of the watchmen. Your Committee are of opinion that Collins and Maddox should be employed in the work of superintendence on alternate Sundays, in addition to the six days in each week. By this arrangement each of them would have one Sunday on duty and one Sunday off. Your Committee recommend—

That this arrangement be made, and that, in consideration of the extra duty, Collins' pay be increased from £2 to £2 2s. 6d. a week, and that Maddox's pay should be 30s. per week.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from the Board of Trade, referred to them on the 26th October last (No. 46), with the copy of a draft Scheme for the amalgamation of the South Metropolitan Gas Company with the Gas Light and Coke Company, and asking to be informed of the Board's views thereon. Your Committee have also had before them the several other references by the Board on the subject, and as the result of long and careful deliberation, they have to submit a statement which they have caused to be prepared in opposition to the suggested amalgamation. Your Committee recommend—

That this statement be approved by the Board and that it be forwarded to the Board of Trade.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter from the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, referred by the Board on the 7th instant (No. 40), expressing the thanks of the Commissioners for the favourable consideration given to their several applications in regard to the Improvements at Ludgate-hill, and asking that, in consideration of the large amounts expended on that work, the Board would, although the Commissioners were not yet in a position to claim a contribution, assist them by means of a vote in aid. The Board, on the 16th ultimo (No. 12), passed a Resolution expressing an opinion that it was desirable that they should contribute towards the cost of Improvements at Ludgate-hill, East of the Old Bailey, and your Committee have since had before them Reports by your Superintending Architect, and Accountant, with reference to the amounts which have, up to the present time, been actually expended by the Commissioners on those Improvements, and the probable amount of re-coupment. Your Committee in the result are of opinion that the Board may properly comply with the request of the Commissioners, and they beg to submit the following recommendation—

That the Board do pay to the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London a sum of £25,000, on account of certain Improvements at Ludgate-hill, as follows—

In respect of Nos. 11, 13, 15 and 17	£10,000
In respect of Nos. 27, 29 and 31	15,000
	£25,000

Your Committee further recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the amount.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 23rd ultimo (No. 44), from Admiral Sir George Elliot, K.C.B., stating that it is proposed to place a Swimming-bath off the Embankment at Pimlico, and asking the Board to

consent to an approach to the Bath at either of the sites indicated on the Plan accompanying the Letter. The Embankment in question is under the charge of Her Majesty's Office of Works, &c., and the application appears to be one for the consideration of that Department, and the Conservators of the River Thames. Your Committee recommend—

That a reply to that effect be addressed to Admiral Elliot.

In compliance with the reference by the Board on the 16th ultimo (No. 35), your Committee have considered the Letter from the West Ham Local Board of Health, stating that a Mr. Robinson, of Plaistow, proposed to erect a house facing Barking-road, adjacent to the Northern Outfall Sewer embankment, and to appropriate a portion of the embankment; and requesting to be informed whether the Board, when purchasing the necessary property to make the embankment, obtained a title to the piece of land in question, and if so, that the Local Board will be happy to act with this Board in taking the best means of preventing the contemplated encroachment. Your Committee have conferred with your Engineer and your Solicitor on the matter, and it appears to them desirable that the Board should co-operate with the Local Board, with a view to the preservation of the embankment, and to prevent any appropriation of the ground upon which it is formed. They recommend that a Letter to that effect be addressed to the Local Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 23rd ultimo (No. 42), from Mr. L. L. Guibara, stating that he had had a severe fall, owing to the accumulation of dirt allowed to remain on the Charing-cross Foot-bridge, referring to the condition of the incline at the Lambeth end of the Bridge, and stating that only an old man is employed by the South-Eastern Railway Company to cleanse the foot-way; also suggesting the necessity for opening the foot-way on the West side of the Bridge. The allegations of Mr. Guibara as to the condition of the Foot-bridge appear to be well founded, and your Committee, having conferred with your Solicitor as to the relative positions of the Board and the Company in the matter, recommend that a Letter be addressed to the Company, as advised by your Solicitor, to the effect that the Board require them to fulfil their obligations under the Metropolis Toll Bridges Act, 1877, and to keep the Foot-bridge in a suitable state for traffic.

Your Committee have considered the Letter referred to them on the 30th ultimo (No. 32), from the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railways Joint Committee, relative to the progress which is being made towards the completion of the Inner Circle Railway and the Street Improvements connected with it, and stating that they would be glad if Members of the Board would inspect the same; and that if, upon inspection, they were satisfied with the progress, they would, in consideration of the large expenditure by the Companies, authorise a payment on account of the contribution to be made by the Board; and further, that as the Directors count on the new street being opened on the 1st January next, they were desirous that the Board would determine that any contribution remaining due to the Companies should be paid as soon as possible after that date within the period named by the Act. The terms upon which the Board agreed to contribute to the expenses incurred by the Railway Companies were that the Board's contribution should not be payable until the widenings and new street and the sewers and works connected therewith should have been completed to their satisfaction, and thrown open to the public. The Board are, of course, prepared to abide by the terms of their Resolution, and your Committee recommend—

That the Joint Committee be informed, in reply to their Letter, that, immediately upon the works being completed to the satisfaction of the Board, they will consider as to the payment of their contribution in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Parliament.

Your Committee have considered the Memorial, referred by the Board on the 30th

ultimo (No. 5), from the Upper Holloway Ratepayers' Association, praying the Board to make an alteration in the number of representatives at the Vestry of Islington, in accordance with the suggestions made by the Memorialists. Your Solicitor has advised your Committee that there appear to be no legal grounds for rejecting the application, and having received a Report from your Accountant as to the number of representatives to which the several Wards are entitled, calculated in the usual manner, your Committee beg to submit the following proposed re-distribution, and to recommend—

That the same be communicated to the Vestry of Islington, and to the Memorialists, and that the subject be taken into consideration on a day to be fixed by the Board for the purpose of hearing any parties and of making their final Order in the matter—

1. Upper Holloway Ward	30	instead of	24
2. Lower Holloway	15	as at present	15
3. Highbury Ward	24	„	24
4. Thornhill „	12	„	12
5. Barnsbury „	9	„	9
6. St. Mary's „	9	„	9
7. Canonbury „	9	instead of	12
8. St. Peter's „	12	„	15
	120		120

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 22nd June last (No. 52), from the Vestry of Islington, transmitting a Plan of an Improvement they proposed to effect on the East side of Ormond-road, by forming a communication or thoroughfare North of Hanley-road, between Crouch-hill and Hornsey-road, at a cost of £300 for the purchase of land, and asking the Board to contribute a moiety of such amount. The Improvement will form a communication or thoroughfare North of Stanley-road, between Crouch-hill and Hornsey-rise, and about 3,700 superficial feet of land will be given up to the public way. Your Superintending Architect is of opinion that the Improvement is desirable, and the cost fair and reasonable, and your Committee having viewed the locality, concur in that opinion, and they beg to recommend—

That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost of the Improvement, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £150, and to be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purpose of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred by the Board on the 28th September last (No. 73), from the Westminster District Board, stating that they proposed to effect an Improvement in Ennismore-gardens, at a cost of £200 for the land required, and asking this Board to contribute a moiety of such amount. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and find that about 1,600 superficial feet of land will be added to the public way. Your Superintending Architect is of opinion that the Improvement is desirable, and the cost fair and reasonable; and your Committee recommend—

That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £100, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purpose of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee have considered the Letter, referred on the 20th April last (No. 4), from the Vestry of Chelsea, asking for a contribution towards the cost, estimated at £437, of a further Improvement in the Fulham-road, fronting St. George's Workhouse. About 1,440 superficial feet of land will be added to the public way, and your Committee, having viewed the locality, concur in the opinion expressed by your Superintending

Architect, that the Improvement is desirable, and the cost fair and reasonable. They therefore recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £218, and to include the site of the wall of No. 265, Fulham-road, and to be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purpose of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of Chelsea, referred by the Board on the 2nd March last (No. 5), stating that they proposed to carry out an Improvement at the North end of Dartrey-road, and asking for a contribution towards the cost, estimated at £461. Your Committee have viewed the locality, and find that about 1,800 superficial feet of land have been added to the public way, and, concurring in your Superintending Architect's opinion, that the Improvement is desirable, and the cost fair and reasonable, they recommend—

> That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £230, and to be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purpose of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 19th October last (No. 37), from the Vestry of Chelsea, transmitting a Plan of an Improvement they proposed to carry out in Kensal-road, at an estimated cost of £675, exclusive of works to be executed, and expressing a hope that the Board would in due course contribute towards such cost. Your Committee have viewed the locality, but are of opinion that it is not desirable at the present time for the Board to contribute towards the cost of the proposed Improvement. They recommend the Board to adopt that view, and to inform the Vestry accordingly.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) W. R. SELWAY,
JOHN RUNTZ,
JOHN TOLHURST,
DONALD MUNRO,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
WM. SHEPHERD,
WM. DEBENHAM,
GEO. EDWARDS,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
GEO. HILL.

The Letter from Mr. G. Dethridge, and the statement in opposition to the amalgamation of the South Metropolitan Gas Company with the Gas Light and Coke Company, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and resolved—That the resignation of Mr. G. Dethridge, Inspector of Gas Meters for the Southern District, be accepted, and that, in consideration of his age and length of service, a Retiring allowance of £117 6s. 8d. per annum be granted to him.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and resolved—That the question of appointing a successor to Mr. Dethridge be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee for consideration and report.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and resolved—That so much

of the Report as relates to the arrangement for filling up the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. W. Hogarth, be approved, and that Mr. D. P. Andrews be, in accordance with the Resolution of the Board of the 23rd November last, appointed a Fourth-class Assistant in the Solicitor's Department, during the pleasure of the Board, at the commencing salary of that Class, viz., £80 per annum.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the arrangements for watching the Board's property be approved ; and that the Superintending Architect be instructed to arrange so that the Watchmen shall be employed only six days a week.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Michael Collins, Foreman of Hoarding and Shoring, who is now partially occupied in superintending the Watchmen, and whose pay is £2 a week, be in future employed every alternate Sunday, in addition to the other six days of the week, and that, in consideration of the additional work, his pay be £2 2s. 6d. ; and that A. E. Maddox be employed as an additional Inspector, working every alternate Sunday in addition to the other six days of the week, and that his pay be £1 10s. a week,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Dresser Rogers, and resolved—That the statement, now submitted, in opposition to the amalgamation of the South Metropolitan Gas Company with the Gas Light and Coke Company, be approved, and that it be sent to the Board of Trade, and be entered on the Minutes of proceedings of this day, and it is entered accordingly—

Observations of the Metropolitan Board of Works upon the scheme of amalgamation of the Gas Light and Coke and the South Metropolitan Gas Companies.

The scheme of amalgamation upon which the Board is now required to express its opinion, differs essentially from all previous schemes for the amalgamation of Metropolitan gas undertakings.

In every other case the effect of amalgamation has been to extend the operation of the more modern statutes and regulations which govern gas undertakings, and which have been adopted with the view, not only of securing consumers against the injurious effects of monopoly, but of reconciling as far as possible the conflicting interests of producers and consumers. Accordingly, the Board has seldom found it necessary to object altogether to any proposed amalgamation, although it may not have borne the promise of unmixed advantage. The Board's duty has for the most part been sufficiently discharged in suggesting such modifications of the terms of amalgamation as seemed expedient.

The circumstances of the scheme now before the Board of Trade are essentially different. The Gas Light and Coke Company seeks to absorb the undertaking, and to wipe out the separate existence of a Company whose conditions, as they are the most equitable, so also are they the latest expression of the views of Parliament as to the terms upon which gas should be supplied in the Metropolis. Moreover, the results of its working are such as to show the most economical management, and it presents, and has presented for many years, an excellent standard of comparison, and a stimulus to beneficial rivalry as regards other Companies. It may be added that the area supplied by the South Metropolitan Company is of great extent, comprising nearly all the South of London ; that its present undertaking is the product of the union of three previously existing Companies, each of considerable magnitude ; and that there is, therefore, no ground for any suggestion that the size and extent of the undertaking are such that it might be more conveniently and economically merged in a larger concern.

One result of the scheme now before the Board of Trade would be that the initial price of 3s. 6d., prescribed in the South Metropolitan Gas Act of 1876, would disappear, and that in future 3s. 9d. would be the standard or initial price for the whole of London. The 3s. 6d. price was fixed by Parliament in 1876 after an exhaustive examination by a Select Committee presided over by the Right Honourable W. E. Forster, and that it is a liberal price for the Company is shown by the fact that, with the present price of 2s 10d., the Company is able to divide profits at the rate of 12 per cent. To any amalgamation, therefore, which would have the effect of substituting 3s. 9d. for 3s. 6d. as the standard or initial price of gas in that part of London to which it now applies, the Metropolitan Board would feel it to be its duty to offer the strongest opposition. Moreover, the Board is advised, and it now respectfully submits, that it is beyond the power of the Board of Trade to assent to a scheme which would have this effect, and that no authority other than Parliament could abrogate or alter, directly or

indirectly, the provision that 3s. 6d. shall be the standard price in the district now supplied by the South Metropolitan Company.

Another objection to the scheme is, that whereas the shareholders of the South Metropolitan Company are now, under the Company's Act of 1876, subject to the sliding scale of dividend, that is to say, the dividend is made to depend upon the price of gas, it is by this scheme proposed to free the South Metropolitan shareholders from any such liability to variation in the rate of dividend, and to secure to them in perpetuity fixed preferential dividends amounting (taking one class of shares with another) to 12 per cent. upon the whole. It appears to the Board that thus to remove the whole body of South Metropolitan shareholders from the operation of the rule which makes the rate of dividend depend upon the price of gas, would be altogether opposed to both the spirit and the letter of the provisions of the South Metropolitan Gas Act of 1876, and the Board is unable to understand how the promoters of the scheme of amalgamation can have supposed that any authority, other than Parliament, could thus set aside the express provisions of that statute.

To give effect to the arrangement that the South Metropolitan shareholders shall have these large fixed profits in perpetuity, the scheme proposes that their existing stock shall rank as Ten per Cent. Preference Stock, and that they shall receive, in addition, allotments of Five per Cent. Debenture Stock, not yet issued, amounting in the whole to £752,800. This proposal seems clearly to contravene two important enactments; the 22nd Section of the City of London Gas Act, 1868, and the 5th and 7th Sections of the South Metropolitan Gas Act, 1882.

The 22nd Section of the Act of 1868 says that no amalgamation scheme shall contain "any "provisions that would authorise the application of share or loan capital to any purposes other "than those to which capital is properly applicable." Can it be said that the issue of three-quarters of a million of new debenture stock to the Metropolitan shareholders, as an inducement to them to agree to the absorption of their undertaking, is, in the words of the statute, a purpose "to which capital is properly applicable"?

The 5th and 7th Sections of the Act of 1882 regulate the issue of debenture stock, and the latter of the two sections prescribes that such debenture stock shall be offered "for sale by "public auction or by tender," and that the premium arising therefrom "shall be expended in "extending or improving the works of the Company and shall not be considered as entitled "to dividend or interest." The proposal in the scheme of amalgamation is in direct conflict with this enactment.

From what has been said it will be seen that all the leading features of this scheme, which the Board considers to be antagonistic to the public interest, are also opposed to special statutory enactments made for the public protection. There remains one incidental result which is not unworthy of notice. The Gas Light and Coke Company last year agreed, as a condition of being allowed to acquire by amalgamation the undertaking of the London Gas Company, to charge no more for gas supplied in the London Company's Southern district and for the gas supplied to the public lamps throughout the whole area of the Gas Light and Coke Company than should be charged at the same time by the South Metropolitan Gas Company. That Company's price was to be taken as the standard of charge for public lighting by the Gas Light and Coke Company. It is now proposed to abolish the separate existence of the South Metropolitan Company, and with it the lower standard by which the Gas Light and Coke Company undertook to be governed.

The Board concludes these observations by expressing its conviction that it is not for the public interest that the undertakings of the Gas Light and Coke Company and the South Metropolitan Gas Company should be amalgamated; that the main provisions of the scheme are not only prejudicial to the interests of gas consumers, but are contrary to express enactments made for the protection of those interests, which enactments the Board apprehends no authority other than Parliament is competent to abrogate or alter.

The Board accordingly asks the Board of Trade to decide that it has no power to approve and submit for confirmation by an Order in Council a scheme which, in such important particulars, contravenes the statutes by which the undertakings of the Companies are regulated.

At a subsequent part of the day's proceedings, it was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Selway, and resolved—That the foregoing statement be printed and circulated among the Members of the Board, and the several Vestries and District Boards in the Metropolis.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Deputy Saunders, and resolved—

That the Board do pay to the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London a sum of £25,000, on account of certain Improvements in Ludgate-hill, as follows—

In respect of Nos. 11, 13, 15 and 17, Ludgate-hill	£10,000
In respect of Nos. 27, 29 and 31 ,, ,, ...	15,000
	£25,000

and that a Cheque be now drawn for the amount; and a Cheque was drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That Admiral Sir George Elliot, K.C.B., be informed, in reply to his Letter as to the proposal to place a Swimming-bath off the Embankment at Pimlico, that the Embankment in question is not under the control of the Board; and that he be referred to Her Majesty's Office of Works, &c., and the Thames Conservators.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the West Ham Local Board of Health be informed, in reply to their Letter asking this Board to prevent a contemplated encroachment on a portion of their Northern Outfall Sewer embankment at Barking-road, by the erection of a House, that the Board are willing to co-operate with the Local Board in the matter.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from Mr. L. L. Guibara, as to the accumulation of dirt on the Charing-cross Foot-bridge, be approved; and that a Letter be addressed to the South-Eastern Railway Company on the subject, as advised by the Solicitor.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railways Joint Committee be informed, in reply to their Letter on the subject of the Street Improvements connected with the completion of the Inner Circle Railway, that, immediately upon the works being completed to the satisfaction of the Board, they will consider as to the payment of their contribution in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Parliament.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That so much of the Report as relates to the Memorial from the Upper Holloway Ratepayers' Association, praying the Board to make an alteration in the number of representatives at the Vestry of Islington, be approved; that the following proposed re-distribution of such numbers be communicated to the Vestry of Islington, and to the Memorialists; and that the subject be taken into consideration on a day to be fixed by the Board for the purpose of hearing any parties on the subject, and for making their final Order thereon—

1.	Upper Holloway Ward	30	instead of	24
2.	Lower Holloway ,,	15	as at present	15
3.	Highbury Ward	24	,,	24
4.	Thornhill ,,	12	,,	12
5.	Barnsbury ,,	9	,,	9
6.	St. Mary's ,,	9	,,	9
7.	Canonbury ,,	9	instead of	12
8.	St. Peter's ,,	12	,,	15
		120		120

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the subject be again considered by the Board on Friday, the 18th January next, at One o'clock p.m., and that the parties be so informed.

It was **moved** by Mr. Selway, seconded, and **resolved**—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£300) of an Improvement on the East side of Ormond-road, Islington, by the Vestry of Islington, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £150,

and to be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in the Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That this Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£200) of an Improvement in Ennismore-gardens, Westminster, by the Westminster District Board, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £100, and to be paid to the District Board on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in this Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£437) of a further Improvement in the Fulham-road, fronting St. George's Workhouse, by the Vestry of Chelsea, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £218, and to include the site of the wall of No. 265, Fulham-road, and to be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in the Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Board do contribute one-half of the net cost (£461) of an Improvement at the North end of Dartrey-road, by the Vestry of Chelsea, such contribution not to exceed the sum of £230, and to be paid to the Vestry on a Certificate by the Superintending Architect of the completion of the work, and by the Accountant of the net cost of the same, and that the contribution be made subject to the conditions contained in the Board's Standing Order of the 3rd August, 1883 (No. 3), with respect to Loans granted, or to be granted, for the purposes of Local Improvements, so far as such conditions apply.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of Chelsea be informed, in reply to their Letter, asking the Board to contribute towards the cost of carrying out an Improvement in Kensal-road, that the Board do not consider it desirable, at the present time, to contribute towards the same.

13. Mr. Tolhurst, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 14th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have had under consideration the three Bills which have been prepared, in accordance with the Resolutions of the Board, for introduction into Parliament next Session, and which will be introduced as Private Bills. These are the Various Powers Bill, the Thames Crossings Bill, and the Bill for the removal of the Ventilators of the Metropolitan District Railway Company. Your Committee now submit these Bills, with a recommendation that they be approved, that the Seal be affixed to Petitions for leave to introduce them, and that your Solicitor be instructed to deposit them previously to the time fixed by the Standing Orders of Parliament.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN TOLHURST,
G. B. RICHARDSON,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W. R. SELWAY.

The Bills submitted with the Report were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Board's Various Powers Bill, the Thames Crossings Bill, and the Metropolitan District Railway Ventilators Bill, prepared in accordance with the Resolutions of the Board, for introduction into Parliament, and now submitted, be approved; that the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to Petitions for leave to introduce the said Bills, and that the Solicitor be instructed to deposit the Bills previously to the time fixed by the Standing Orders of Parliament.

The Solicitor laid before the Board Petitions accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Petitions; and the Seal was affixed thereto.

14. Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 11th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have had under consideration the question of issuing the Precepts for the sums which will be required by the Board from Parishes, Districts, &c., for the year 1884. The principal Officers have prepared Estimates of the amounts which will probably be required in their several Departments, which your Committee have duly examined. Your Committee have had before them, in connection with this subject, the Estimates approved by the Parks, &c., Committee of the probable expenses during the year 1884, in connection with the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces under the management of the Board, and also the Estimates, approved by the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee and the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act Executive Committee, of expenses in connection with the testing of Gas and Gas-meters, and the Petroleum, Slaughterhouses, Explosives, and Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts. They have also had before them the Estimate, approved by the Fire Brigade Committee, for the expenses of the Brigade for the ensuing year. Your Committee have not thought it necessary to investigate the details of those Estimates, as they have undergone full consideration by the Committees who have charge of the matters to which they refer. Your Accountant has also prepared a Statement of the Estimates for the year 1884, as compared with the Estimates for the year 1883, and the expenditure for the years 1883 and 1882; also a Statement of the sums required for the Principal and Interest of, and the Sinking Fund for, re-payment of the Loans granted before the passing of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Act, 1869, and an Estimate, for the year 1884, of the Consolidated Loans Fund, together with the detailed Estimates from the several Departments; copies of which Statement and Estimates have been circulated amongst the Members of the Board. Your Committee have also had submitted to them a Statement showing the annual value of the property in the City of London, and other parts of the Metropolis, as defined by the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, based upon the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869; the County Rate Bases for the respective Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, and Kent; the City Police Rate, and also the Ratable Annual value of the property assessable to the General District Rate of the Hornsey Local Board, under the provisions of the Acts 34 and 35 Vic., cap. 129, and 35 and 36 Vic., cap. 163, and of the South Hornsey Local Board, under the provisions of the Act 37 and 38 Vic., cap. 97, and of the Ratable Annual value of property within the Beckenham Sewerage Area, assessable to the Rate for the Relief of the Poor, as provided by the Act 36 and 37 Vic., cap. 218. Your Committee now submit the Estimates of the sums required to be raised, and the Statement showing the gross and Ratable annual value of Property in the Metropolis, and they recommend that the same be approved; that your Accountant be instructed to apportion the same

amongst the several Parishes and parts liable thereto, according to the Valuation List, prepared under the Valuation of Property Act, and according to the County Rates and other rentals now in force, and that Precepts in accordance therewith be prepared, and be made returnable by Two half-yearly payments on the 1st June and 1st December, 1884, and that the Estimates for the Consolidated Loans Fund, the Dwelling House Improvement Fund, and Bridge expenses be submitted to the Treasury, for sanction in respect of the charges for debt. It is proposed, as was done last year, to deduct from the total amount to be raised the sum which it is estimated will be received in respect of the Government contribution from those Parishes which have not included the Government property in their Valuation lists, as this contribution will be afterwards obtained from the Parishes by which it is rightly payable.

Your Committee also beg to submit, with the Estimates, a list of the contributions to be made by Insurance Companies towards the expense of maintaining the Fire Brigade for the year.

It appearing to your Committee that the present is a favourable opportunity for calling the attention of the Board to the amount of Rates paid by the ratepayers of the several Parishes within the Metropolitan area, your Committee have had prepared a Statement, showing the amount in the pound of all Rates raised in the Metropolis (excluding the City of London) for the years 1876, 1878, 1880, and 1882, which they beg to submit herewith, and to recommend—

That the Statement be printed and circulated amongst the Members of the Board.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
JOHN TOLHURST,
DONALD MUNRO.

The Report having been read and received,

The Estimates, Statements, &c., referred to in the Report of the Committee, were laid before the Board, as follows—

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TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE of the

ESTIMATED INCOME.			Page from which the sums are brought forward.
		£ s. d.	
COAL AND WINE DUTIES		295,000 - -	18
GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION to the expenses of the FIRE BRIGADE. This is the amount as settled by Act of Parliament		10,000 - -	30
INSURANCE OFFICE CONTRIBUTIONS to the expenses of the FIRE BRIGADE at the rate of £35 per Million of the gross amount of Insurances in the Metropolis ...		24,385 - -	30
INTEREST RECEIVABLE—			
From Cash balances	£12,500 - -		
From the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums District, the School Board for London, Vestries and District Boards, and others	195,000 - -		
From Kew and other Bridges Joint Committee	1,994 - -		
On other claims	500 - -		
From Hornsey, South Hornsey, and Beckenham—Interest and Sinking fund of Main drainage debt	2,680 - -		18
		212,674 - -	
CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS MAINTENANCE OF BRIDGES—			
Counties of Middlesex and Surrey	£2,400 - -		
South-Eastern Railway Co.	675 - -		
		3,075 - -	
RENTS RECEIVABLE		90,800 - -	
FEES ON ISSUE OF METROPOLITAN CONSOLIDATED STOCK CERTIFICATES TO BEARER ...		300 - -	
FEES AND RETURNS RECEIVABLE under Acts of Parliament, &c.—			
On Gas testing	£180 - -		
„ Gas-meter testing	2,770 - -		
„ Petroleum licenses	500 - -		
„ Inspection of Subways	47 - -		
„ Sale of carcases under Contagious diseases (animals) act ...	1,000 - -		25
„ Dangerous Structures (including expenses of Hoardings, &c., repaid)	5,525 - -		
„ Sale of plans, &c., under the Building act, and costs recoverable	500 - -		
AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE for services of the FIRE BRIGADE in watching premises; also in attending fires outside the boundary of the Metropolis, and chimney fires penalties	3,200 - -		4
		13,722 - -	30
Amount to be raised from Parishes by the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate in 1884		772,168 15 6	4
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME OF 1884		1,422,124 15 6	
SURPLUS ON THE GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1882		241 6 8	26
AMOUNT NOT RAISED for working expenses of the Fire Brigade, owing to limitation in Act of Parliament		30,913 12 10	28
BALANCE OF CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND—(Interest and Sinking fund account) brought into account of the Year 1884		25,357 - -	17
		£1,478,636 15 -	

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year 1884, on the **WORKING ACCOUNTS OF THE BOARD**.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Pages from which the sums are brought forward.
INTEREST ON MONEY BORROWED—			
1. Dividend on Metropolitan Consolidated Stock	784,951 – –		18
2. Interest on old Main Drainage Loan	581 5 –		6
3. Interest on Miscellaneous Loans raised prior to the Loans Act of 1869	14,764 10 –		
4. Interest on Thames Embankment Loan	5,520 – –		18
		805,816 15 –	
DISCOUNT on prompt payment of instalments of Loan	...	600 – –	18
DRAWBACKS AND EXPENSES of collection of Rents	...	10,000 – –	
BANK MANAGEMENT of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock	...	8,800 – –	19
BRIDGE EXPENSES £103,515 (£94,195 included in charges for debt) ...	...	12,395 – –	19
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS £68,246 (included in charges for debt)	...	– – –	20
MAINTENANCE, &c., of Sewerage and drainage works, Embankments, New roads, and Parks and open spaces	...	114,780 – –	20 to 21
FIRE BRIGADE working expenses	...	118,730 – –	30
Expenses under special Acts of Parliament—			
Gas testing	1,680 – –		25
Gas-meter testing	2,650 – –		
Inspection of Subways	92 – –		
Contagious diseases (Animals)	5,700 – –		
Slaughterhouses and Explosive substances	1,120 – –		
Infant life protection...	170 – –		
Theatres and Music Halls	1,000 – –		
Dangerous structures	6,840 – –		
		19,252 – –	
ESTABLISHMENT, Law and Parliamentary charges, printing, &c. (exclusive of amount charged to Capital accounts)	...	41,130 – –	26
COMPENSATION and Retiring allowances	...	1,410 – –	28
DEFICIENCY on Fire Brigade working account in respect of former years	...	21,660 – –	30
AMOUNT APPLICABLE TO THE REDEMPTION OF CAPITAL—(being the following proportions of the net debt of the Board—viz., one forty-sixth part of debt terminable in 1929, and one fifty-seventh part of debt terminable in 1941, a special sum being included for Fire Brigade Loans redeemable in periods varying from 7 to 30 years)	...	324,063 – –	17
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE OF 1884	...	£1,478,636 15 –	

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ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR **1884**, COMPARED WITH **ESTIMATES** FOR THE YEAR **1883**.

Heads of service, &c.	For details see pages.	1884. Estimate.		1883. Estimate.	1883. Expenditure (*approximate*).	1882. Expenditure
		£ s. d	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
Interest on loans raised before passing of act 32 and 33 Vict., c. 102 (Metropolitan Board of Works Loans)—						
General	6	14,764 10 –		15,913 10 –	15,913 10 –	17,062 10 –
Main Drainage	6	581 5 –		7,556 5 –	7,556 5 –	19,987 10 –
			15,345 15 –	23,469 15 –	23,469 15 –	37,050 – –
Consolidated loans fund—	7 to 18					
Dividends on Metropolitan Consolidated stock, &c.		801,071 – –				
Redemption of Capital		324,063 – –				
		1,125,134 – –				
Less Credit...		785,772 – –				
			339,362 – –	295,081 – –	295,081 – –	286,466 – –
Management of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock	19	...	8,800 – –	8,435 – –	8,179 – –	7,397 – –
Various Services—						
Bridge expenses	19	...	102,715 – –	98,103 – –	98,103 – –	90,502 – –
Dwelling House Improvement Fund ...	20	...	68,246 – –	77,528 – –	77,528 – –	78,528 – –
Sewerage and drainage works, &c. ...	21, 22	31,870 – –		30,715 – –	26,864 – –	27,044 – –
Working expenses of Pumping stations	21, 22	49,805 – –		48,703 – –	44,106 – –	39,919 – –
		81,675 – –	...			
Thames Embankments— Maintaining, lighting, &c. ...	21, 22	12,805 – –	...	13,535 – –	11,100 – –	11,641 – –
New roads, &c.— Maintaining	21, 22	540 – –	...	540 – –	530 – –	305 – –
Parks, Commons, and open spaces— Maintenance	23, 24	19,760 – –	...	19,120 – –	17,801 – –	17,338 – –
Gas testing	25	1,680 – –	...	1,170 – –	1,458 – –	1,310 – –
Gas-meter testing	25	2,650 – –	...	2,620 – –	2,665 – –	2,927 – –
Petroleum licenses and testing ...	25	...	...	570 – –	150 – –	570 – –
Inspection of subways	25	92 – –	...	95 – –	92 – –	92 – –
Contagious diseases (Animals) act ...	25	5,700 – –	...	6,900 – –	5,481 – –	5,883 – –
Slaughterhouses act, 1874 ... Explosive Substances act	25	1,120 – –	...	1,050 – –	1,121 – –	1,117 – –
Infant life protection act	25	170 – –	...	170 – –	170 – –	169 – –
Theatres and Music Halls	25	1,000 – –	...	2,000 – –	1,689 – –	172 – –
Dangerous structures	25	6,840 – –	...	6,225 – –	5,165 – –	6,861 – –
Carried forward	—	134,032 – –	534,468 15 –	636,029 15 –	620,752 15 –	615,291 – –

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AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEARS **1883** AND **1882.**

Heads of Service, &c.	For details see pages.	1884. Estimate		1883. Estimate.	1883. Expenditure (*approximate.*)	1882. Expenditure.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		134,032 – –	534,468 15 –	636,029 15 –	620,752 15 –	615,291 – –
General Purposes—						
Salaries, wages, &c., £52,735 (less proportion chargeable to special accounts)	26	25,030 – –		23,830 – –	24,910 – –	24,498 – –
Ordinary Law and Parliamentary charges, £12,000 (less proportion chargeable to special accounts) ...	26	7,800 – –		6,500 – –	9,000 – –	8,781 – –
Printing, stationery, lithography, mathematical instruments, maps, &c., £6,500 (less proportion chargeable to special accounts)	26	4 200 – –		4,700 – –	4,217 – –	5,021 – –
Rent, taxes, office repairs and alterations, postage and petty incidentals, £6,300 (less proportion chargeable to special accounts)	26	4,100 – –		3,900 – –	4,105 – –	3,894 – –
Compensation and retiring allowances of late officers	28	1,410 – –		1,350 – –	1,320 – –	1,302 – –
			176,572 – –			
Fire Brigade—						
Working expenses of the brigade ...	30	...	71,891 7 2	70,421 16 4	92,082 – –	73,646 – –
Total Charge			782,932 2 2	746,731 11 4	756,386 15 –	732,433 – –
		Estimated receipts.		Estimate.	Receipts.	Receipts.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Less Receipts—						
Surplus in respect of 1882 and 1881 ...	28	241 6 8	...	7,212 1 9	7,212 1 9	697 1 5
Sale of produce of Parks		...	...	25 – –	(In Consolidated Loans Fund.)	
Gas Companies, part expenses in testing gas, returned	25	180 – –	...	165 – –	179 – –	195 – –
Fees for testing gas-meters	25	2,770 – –	...	2,940 – –	2,769 – –	3,039 – –
Petroleum licenses	25	500 – –	...	500 – –	492 – –	509 – –
Gas Companies, for inspecting subways	25	47 – –	...	47 – –	47 – –	47 – –
Sale of carcases under Contagious diseases (animals) act	25	1,000 – –	...	1,800 – –	942 – –	2,168 – –
Dangerous structures, expenses recovered	25	5,525 – –	...	5,285 – –	4,023 – –	5,525 – –
Building act fees, sale of plans, &c. ...	—	500 – –		500 – –	500 – –	452 – –
			10,763 6 8	18,474 1 9	16,164 1 9	12,632 1 5
TOTAL NET CHARGE ...			£ 772,168 15 6	728,257 9 7	740,222 13 3	719,800 18 7

After deducting from the Total net charge the amount receivable from Parishes in respect of Government contribution on property not included in the valuation List, the balance will be equivalent to a rate of 6·50 in the £, on the present rateable value. The total net charge for 1883 was equivalent to a rate of 6·23d. in the £, on the rateable value of the Metropolis for that year

Parts of the Metropolis exempt from certain portions of the Board's assessments.

The City of London (rateable value £3,515,916) is exempt from charges for the Dwelling House Improvement Fund, Gas testing, Gas-meter testing, Petroleum licensing and testing, Dangerous structures, Slaughterhouses and Explosives, and Infant life protection.

The Close of the collegiate church of St. Peter, Westminster, Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Lincoln's Inn, Staple Inn and Furnival's Inn (rateable value £63,298) are exempt from charges for interest on money raised for Street Improvements, Parks, Commons, and Bridges; also from Charges for Maintenance of the Embankments, the Parks, Commons and Bridges, and of Inspection of subways, Gas testing, Gas-meter testing, Petroleum licensing and testing, Dangerous structures, Slaughterhouses, Explosives, charges under the Contagious diseases (animals) act, and General purposes, including Establishment charges.

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Heads of Increase and Decrease in 1884, *as compared with* 1883.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
INCREASE.		
Consolidated Loans Fund	44,281 – –	
Management of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock	365 – –	
Bridge expenses	4,612 – –	
Sewerage works and Pumping Stations ...	2,257 – –	
Parks, Commons, and open spaces, maintenance	665 – –	
Gas testing	495 – –	
Gas-meter testing	200 – –	
Slaughterhouses and explosive substances ...	70 – –	
Dangerous structures	375 – –	
Establishment charges, law and parliamentary expenses and retiring allowances ...	2,260 – –	
Fire Brigade working expenses	1,469 – –	
		57,049 – –
DECREASE.		
Interest on Loans raised prior to 1869 ...	8,124 – –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund ...	9,282 – –	
Thames Embankments, maintenance ...	730 – –	
Petroleum licensing and testing	570 – –	
Inspection of subways	3 – –	
Contagious diseases (animals) act	400 – –	
Theatres and Music Halls	1,000 – –	
		20,109 – –
Increase ...		£36,940 – –
Add,—Difference between the surplus of the years 1882 and 1881		6,971 – –
NET INCREASE ...		£43,911 – –

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INTEREST ON LOANS RAISED BEFORE PASSING OF ACT 32 AND 33 VICT., CAP. 102.

(Exclusive of Thames Embankment Loans, the interest on which is paid out of Coal and Wine Duties, and brought to account on page 18.)

Loans Outstanding, 1st January, 1884.		1884. Estimate of Amounts required for Interest, &c.	1883. Estimate.	1883. Expenditure.	1882. Expenditure.
GENERAL—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Interest on Loan from Clergy Mutual Assurance Society, at 4½ per Cent. for Finsbury Park ... ...£50,000 - -					
Paid off 31,666 13 4	18,333 6 8	787 10 -	862 10 -	862 10 -	93 10 -
(Terminable 1894.)					
Interest on Loan from Bank of England at 4½ per Cent.—					
For Holborn Improvement ... ...£61,000 - -					
„ Southwark Park ... 80,000 - -					
„ Whitechapel Improvement ... 175,000 - -					
„ Main Sewers ... ... 300,000 - -					
616,000 -					
Paid off ... ... 350,400 - -	265,600 - -	11,802 - -	12,726 - -	12,726 - -	13,650 - -
(Terminable 1896 to 1898.)					
Interest on Loan from Economic Assurance Society, at 4½ per Cent., for Main Sewers ...£100,000 - -					
Paid off ... ... 50,000 - -	50,000 - -	2,175 - -	2,325 - -	2,325 - -	2,475 - -
(Terminable 1898.)					
	333,933 6 8	14,764 10 -	15,913 10 -	15,913 10 -	17,062 10 -
MAIN DRAINAGE—					
Interest on Loan from Bank of England, at 3¾ per cent. £4,200,000 - -					
Paid off ... ...4,169,000 - -	31,000 - -	581 5 -	7,556 5 -	7,556 5 -	19,987 10 -
(Will terminate in 1884)					
Total... ... ... £	364,933 6 8	15,345 15 -	23,469 15 -	23,469 15 -	37,050 - -

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CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.

TOTAL NET DEBT OF THE BOARD, NOVEMBER, 1883.

The proportion to be paid off in the year 1883 is stated on page 17.

			1884.		1883.	
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
LOANS OUTSTANDING—						
As on preceding page			364,933 6 8		731,466 13 4	
Second Thames Embankment Loan, £1,250,000, (will terminate in 1884)			138,000 – –		238,000 – –	
Metropolitan Consolidated Stock—terminable in 1929			16,984,325 16 11		16,984,325 16 11	
Total terminable in or before 1929			17,487,259 3 7		17,953,792 10 3	
Metropolitan Consolidated Stock—terminable in 1941			5,350,000 – –		4,100,000 – –	
			22,837,259 3 7		22,053,792 10 3	
RECOUPMENTS—	£ s. d.					
Loans advanced by the Board and outstanding on 10th November, 1883—(See pages 8 to 16)						
Repayable by 1929	2,976,905 12 2 882,105 11 8					
Repayable by 1941	1,296,206 5 11 33,541 1 10	5,188,758 11 7			4,343,414 6 10	
Estimated value of surplus Land, 20th November, 1883—						
Victoria Embankment	50,000 – –					
Chelsea Embankment	10,655 – –					
Queen Victoria-street	895,350 – –					
Northumberland-avenue	656,033 – –					
Street Improvements under Act of 1872, viz.—						
Wapping High-street	31,280 – –					
Shoreditch High-street	77,928 – –					
Bethnal-green-road	52,365 – –					
Great Eastern-street	130,085 – –					
Theobalds and Clerkenwell Roads	98,550 – –					
Harrow-road	50,000 – –					
Appold-street (late Sun-street Improvement)	5,437 – –					
Metropolitan Bridges	25,000 – –					
Street Improvements under Act of 1877, viz.—						
Hackney, Mare-street	12,975 – –					
Islington	10,000 – –					
Deptford Bridge Approach	27,865 – –					
Tooley-street	80,340 – –					
Coventry-street	34,850 – –					
Gray's-inn-road	50,800 – –					
Camberwell and Peckham	97,395 – –					
Jamaica-road and Union-road	6,775 – –					
Kentish-town-road	20,240 – –					
Charing-cross to Tottenham-court-road	28,250 – –					
Artizans' Dwellings	126,245 – –					
	£2,578,418 – –					
Deduction at Five per cent. to meet depreciation of value, and other contingencies	128,921 – –					
	£2,449,497 – –					
Value of Land sold but not yet paid for, due at various dates under agreements	69,316 – –	2,518,813 – –			2,695,071 5 –	
Further credit in respect of money in hand and to be advanced in Loans	– – –	294,225 – –			200,000 – –	
			8,001,796 11 7		7,238,485 11 10	
NET DEBT			14,835,462 12 –		14,815,306 18 5	

The following Instalments of Loans fall due during the Year 1884.

For Repayment of Loans raised before passing of Act 32 and 33 Vict., cap. 102—			
General	£25,533 6 8		
Main Drainage	31,000 – –		
	56,533 6 8		
Loan repayable out of Coal and Wine Duties	138,000 – –		
		194,533 6 8	
AMOUNTS WHICH WILL PROBABLY BECOME AVAILABLE TOWARDS MEETING THE ABOVE—			
Instalments of Loans advanced by the Board	£210,000 – –		
Sales of Property	50,000 – –		
Amount charged on the Consolidated Loans Fund for the year 1884, in redemption of debt of the Board.—(See page 17)	324,063 – –		
		£584,063 – –	

NOTE.—The debt repayable during the year 1884, will (unless redeemed by money receivable in the period) be converted into Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.

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STATEMENT in detail of Loans issued by the Board, and balances outstanding on the 10th November, 1883.

LOANS TO VESTRIES AND OTHER BODIES RE-PAYABLE BY ANNUAL INSTALMENTS.

Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount to be repaid annually.	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding, 10th November, 1883.		
					First.	Last.	Raised in Stock. Terminable n 1929.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1941.	Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d	£ s. d.
Beckenham Local Board ...	6,000	3 18 6	286 - -	21	1874	1894	3,146 - -		
	1,000	3 18 6	33 - -	30	1875	1904	693 - -		
	2,500	3 18 6	83 - -	30	1877	1906	1,909 - -		
	600	3 18 6	21 - -	29	1878	1906	474 - -		
	400	3 15 -	16 - -	26	1881	1906	352 - -		
Bermondsey Vestry	4,500	3 18 6	150 - -	30	1875	1904	3,150 - -		
	1,250	3 15 -	42 - -	30	1878	1907	998 - -		
	12,000	3 15 -	240 - -	50	1880	1929	11,040 - -		
	10,000	4 - -	334 - -	30	1881	1910	8,998 - -		
	10,000	4 - -	334 - -	30	1882	1911	—	9,332 - -	
Bethnal Green Vestry ...	20,000	3 15 -	1,000 - -	20	1878	1897	14,000 - -		
	15,000	3 15 -	750 - -	20	1881	1900	12,750 - -		
	14,000	3 15 -	700 - -	20	1882	1901	—	—	12,600 - -
	4,500	3 10 -	90 - -	50	1883	1932	—	4,410 - -	—
	15,000	3 10 -	750 - -	20	1884	1903	—	—	15,000 - -
Bethnal Green Guardians ...	2,350	3 15 -	156 13 4	15	1879	1893	1,566 13 4		
	3,000	3 15 -	150 - -	20	1879	1898	2,250 - -		
Bloomsbury Guardians ...	9,700	4 10 -	646 13 4	15	1881	1895	8,406 13 4		
	5,300	4 - -	176 13 4	30	1881	1910	4,946 13 4		
Brentwood School District Managers	1,900	4 10 -	126 13 4	15	1882	1896	—	1,646 13 4	
Bromley, St. Leonard, Churchwardens, &c.	7,000	3 15 -	700 - -	10	1880	1889	4,200 - -		
Camberwell Vestry	8,000	3 17 6	420 - -	19	1873	1891	3,360 - -		
	17,000	3 15 -	850 - -	20	1881	1900	14,450 - -		
	12,500	3 15 -	625 - -	20	1881	1900	10,625 - -		
Central London School District Managers	14,600	3 15 -	486 13 4	30	1880	1909	12,653 6 8		
	900	3 15 -	40 - -	15	1880	1894	413 5 -		
	6,500	3 10 -	216 13 4	30	1884	1913	—	—	6,500 - -
Chelsea Vestry...	2,500	3 17 6	81 - -	31	1873	1903	1,620 - -		
	2,500	3 17 6	83 - -	30	1874	1903	1,660 - -		
	2,500	3 17 6	83 - -	30	1874	1903	1,660 - -		
	2,500	3 17 6	86 - -	29	1875	1903	1,720 - -		
	3,000	3 18 6	300 - -	10	1876	1885	600 - -		
	3,000	3 18 6	200 - -	15	1876	1890	1,400 - -		
	13,000	3 18 6	240 - -	54	1876	1929	11,040 - -		
	3,500	3 15 -	117 - -	30	1877	1906	2,681 - -		
	3,550	3 15 -	69 - -	52	1877	1928	3,067 - -		
	8,000	3 15 -	267 - -	30	1878	1907	6,398 - -		
	1,800	3 15 -	180 - -	10	1879	1888	900 - -		
	2,000	3 15 -	100 - -	20	1879	1898	1,500 - -		
	900	3 15 -	30 - -	30	1879	1908	750 - -		
	1,400	3 15 -	47 - -	30	1880	1909	1,212 - -		
	1,250	3 15 -	25 - -	50	1881	1930	1,175 - -		
	6,000	4 - -	200 - -	30	1881	1910	5,400 - -		
	7,000	3 15 -	1,000 - -	7	1882	1888	—	—	5,000 - -
Clerkenwell Vestry	2,300	3 15 -	115 - -	20	1877	1896	1,495 - -		
	6,500	3 10 -	325 - -	20	1882	1901	—	—	5,850 - -
	2,000	3 10 -	100 - -	20	1884	1903	—	—	2,000 - -
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	... £	164,659 11 8	15,388 13 4	46,950 - -

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Loans issued by the Board (continued).

Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount to be repaid annually.	For how many years.	First and Last years of re-payment.		Balances outstanding 10th November, 1883.		
					First.	Last.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1929.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1941	Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	164,659 11 8	15,388 13 4	46,950 – –
Fulham District Board ...	6,000	3 17 6	200 – –	30	1873	1902	3,800 – –		
	12,000	3 17 6	400 – –	30	1873	1902	7,600 – –		
	8,500	3 18 6	567 – –	15	1876	1890	3,964 – –		
	800	3 15 –	80 – –	10	1877	1886	240 – –		
	4,486	3 15 –	299 – –	15	1877	1891	2,392 – –		
	4,125	3 15 –	138 – –	30	1878	1907	3,297 – –		
	8,450	3 15 –	423 – –	20	1880	1899	6,758 – –		
	1,100	3 15 –	37 – –	30	1880	1909	952 – –		
	3,000	3 15 –	100 – –	30	1880	1909	2,600 – –		
	2,100	3 15 –	70 – –	30	1881	1910	1,890 – –		
	6,800	3 15 –	227 – –	30	1881	1910	6,119 – –		
	2,600	3 15 –	130 – –	20	1882	1901	—	—	2,340 – –
	1,000	3 10 –	20 – –	50	1882	1936	—	960 – –	—
	1,000	3 10 –	200 – –	5	1882	1886	—	—	600 – –
	5,300	3 10 –	354 – –	15	1884	1898	—	—	5,300 – –
	950	3 10 –	17 – –	58	1884	1941	—	950 – –	
	900	3 10 –	16 – –	58	1884	1941	—	900 – –	
	2,500	3 10 –	417 – –	6	1884	1889	—	—	2,500 – –
	2,000	3 10 –	67 – –	30	1884	1913	—	—	2,000 – –
Fulham Union Guardians ...	8,500	3 15 –	283 6 8	30	1879	1908	7,366 13 4		
	1,700	4 – –	56 13 4	30	1881	1910	1,530 – –		
Greenwich District Board ...	1,500	3 18 6	28 – –	54	1866	1929	1,276 – –		
	6,500	3 18 6	217 – –	30	1876	1905	4,764 – –		
	4,150	3 15 –	139 – –	30	1878	1907	3,316 – –		
	2,600	3 15 –	260 – –	10	1878	1887	1,040 – –		
	2,400	3 15 –	160 – –	15	1880	1894	1,760 – –		
	10,000	3 10 –	500 – –	20	1882	1901	—	—	9,000 – –
	15,000	3 10 –	750 – –	20	1884	1903	—	—	15,000 – –
Greenwich Baths, &c., Commissioners	2,000	3 15 –	133 6 8	15	1877	1891	1,066 13 4		
Hackney District Board ...	8,000	3 18 6	800 – –	10	1876	1885	1,600 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	714 – –	7	1878	1884	714 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	714 – –	7	1878	1884	714 – –		
	10,000	3 15 –	667 – –	15	1880	1894	7,332 – –		
	5,000	3 10 –	715 – –	7	1884	1890	—	—	5,000 – –
	5,000	3 10 –	715 – –	7	1884	1890	—	—	5,000 – –
Hackney Guardians	13,000	3 15 –	433 6 8	30	1881	1910	11,700 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	166 13 4	30	1881	1910	4,500 – –		
	14,000	3 10 –	466 13 4	30	1884	1913	—	—	14,000 – –
	14,000	3 10 –	466 13 4	30	1884	1913	—	—	14,000 – –
Hampstead Vestry	1,000	3 18 6	33 – –	30	1875	1904	693 – –		
	4,000	3 18 6	133 – –	30	1876	1905	2,926 – –		
	2,800	3 18 6	56 – –	50	1876	1925	2,352 – –		
	12,000	3 15 –	400 – –	30	1877	1906	9,200 – –		
	6,400	3 15 –	213 – –	30	1877	1906	4,899 – –		
	1,950	3 15 –	65 – –	30	1878	1907	1,560 – –		
	3,000	3 15 –	100 – –	30	1880	1909	2,600 – –		
	1,500	3 15 –	50 – –	30	1880	1909	1,300 – –		
	1,700	3 15 –	85 – –	20	1881	1900	1,445 – –		
	4,000	3 15 –	80 – –	50	1880	1929	3,680 – –		
	1,600	4 – –	54 – –	30	1882	1911	—	1,492 – –	
	2,600	3 15 –	130 – –	20	1882	1901	—	—	2,340 – –
	6,000	3 10 –	200 – –	30	1882	1911	—	—	5,600 – –
Hampstead Guardians ...	2,500	3 15 –	83 6 8	30	1879	1908	2,083 6 8		
	2,000	3 15 –	66 13 4	30	1879	1908	1,666 13 4		
	2,000	3 10 –	66 13 4	30	1882	1911	—	—	1,866 13 4
	3,000	3 10 –	100 – –	30	1884	1913	—	—	3,000 – –
Holborn District Board ...	18,000	3 15 –	347 – –	52	1878	1929	15,918 – –		
	10,000	3 15 –	334 – –	30	1879	1908	8,330 – –		
	10,000	3 15 –	334 – –	30	1879	1908	8,330 – –		
	12,000	3 15 –	400 – –	30	1880	1909	10,400 – –		
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...		£ 330,333 18 4	19,690 13 4	134,496 13 4

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Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount to be repaid annually	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding 10th November, 1883,		
							Raised in Stock.		Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund,
					First.	Last.	Terminable in 1929.	Terminable in 1941.	
	£	£ s. d.	£ s d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... ...	...	...	...				330,333 18 4	19,690 13 4	134,496 13 4
Holborn Union Guardians ...	2,600	3 10 –	173 6 8	15	1883	1897	—	—	2,426 13 4
	2,600	3 10 –	173 6 8	15	1884	1898	—	—	2,600 – –
Hornsey Local Board... ...	15,000	3 17 6	500 – –	30	1873	1902	9,500 – –		
	10,000	3 17 6	176 – –	57	1873	1929	8,064 – –		
	10,000	3 17 6	333 – –	30	1873	1902	6,327 – –		
Hornsey (South) Local Board	942	3 18 6	94 – –	10	1875	1884	94 – –		
Islington Guardians	3,000	3 10 –	300 – –	10	1883	1892	—	—	2,700 – –
Islington Vestry	38,035	3 15 –	1,901 – –	20	1877	1896	24,713 – –		
	2,900	3 15 –	145 – –	20	1879	1898	2,175 – –		
	28,800	3 15 –	1,440 – –	20	1880	1899	23,040 – –		
	2,800	4 5 –	140 – –	20	1881	1900	2,380 – –		
Islington Burial Board ...	10,000	3 15 –	333 6 8	30	1878	1907	8,000 – –		
Kensington Burial Board ...	8,500	3 10 –	170 – –	50	1883	1892	—	8,330 – –	
Kensington Guardians ...	2,500	3 15 –	250 – –	10	1882	1891	—	—	2,000 – –
	12,600	3 10 –	840 – –	15	1884	1898	—	—	12,600 – –
Kensington Vestry	1,900	3 18 6	64 – –	30	1876	1905	1,388 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	167 – –	30	1877	1906	3,831 – –		
	19,500	3 15 –	390 – –	50	1877	1926	16,770 – –		
	806	3 18 6	27 – –	30	1877	1906	617 – –		
	8,600	3 15 –	640 – –	14	1878	1891	4,912 – –		
	5,600	3 15 –	374 – –	15	1880	1894	4,104 – –		
	3,750	3 15 –	75 – –	50	1880	1929	3,450 – –		
	12,200	3 15 –	407 – –	30	1880	1909	10,572 – –		
	2,900	3 15 –	194 – –	15	1880	1894	2,124 – –		
	12,000	3 15 –	400 – –	30	1880	1909	10,400 – –		
	2,800	3 15 –	200 – –	14	1880	1893	2,000 – –		
	6,300	3 15 –	210 – –	30	1881	1910	5,670 – –		
	1,800	4 – –	60 – –	30	1881	1910	1,620 – –		
	18,000	3 15 –	2,572 – –	7	1882	1888	—	—	12,856 – –
	17,500	3 10 –	350 – –	50	1882	1931	—	16,800 – –	—
	12,500	3 10 –	—	10	1892	1892	—	—	12,500 – –
	13,000	3 10 –	1,857 – –	7	1882	1888	—	—	9,285 – –
	2,000	3 10 –	200 – –	10	1883	1892	—	—	1,800 – –
	15,700	3 10 –	—	10	1892	1892	—	—	15,700 – –
	9,900	3 10 –	1,415 – –	7	1883	1889	—	—	8,485 – –
	5,000	3 10 –	167 – –	30	1884	1913	—	—	5,000 – –
	6,000	3 10 –	—	10	1893	1893	—	—	6,000 – –
	6,000	3 10 –	200 – –	30	1884	1913	—	—	6,000 – –
	5,000	3 10 –	834 – –	6	1884	1889	—	—	5,000 – –
	5,000	3 10 –	834 – –	6	1884	1889	—	—	5,000 – –
Kew and other Bridges Joint Committee	40,000	3 15 –	Interest added to Debt quarterly.	13	1876	1889	40,000 – –	—	12,430 9 5
Lambeth Vestry	3,000	3 15 –	200 – –	15	1877	1891	1,600 – –		
	11,000	3 15 –	1,571 – –	7	1878	1884	1,571 – –		
	4,000	3 15 –	400 – –	10	1880	1889	2,800 – –		
	6,000	3 10 –	200 – –	30	1883	1912	—	—	5,800 – –
	10,000	3 10 –	1,000 – –	10	1884	1893	—	—	10,000 – –
	3,300	3 10 –	660 – –	5	1884	1888	—	—	3,300 – –
	2,500	3 10 –	167 – –	15	1884	1898	—	—	2,500 – –
	9,000	3 10 –	900 – –	10	1884	1893	—	—	9,000 – –
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	528,055 18 4	44,820 13 1	287,479 16 1

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Loans issued by the Board (continued).

Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Loan.	Amount to be repaid annually.	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding 10th November, 1883.		
					First.	Last.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1929.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1941.	Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	528,055 18 4	44,820 13 4	287,479 16 1
Lambeth Guardians	10,000	3 18 6	333 6 8	30	1876	1905	7,333 6 8		
	10,000	3 18 6	333 6 8	30	1876	1905	7,333 6 8		
	6,500	3 15 –	216 13 4	30	1877	1906	4,983 6 8		
	12,000	3 15 –	400 – –	30	1877	1906	9,200 – –		
	8,000	3 15 –	266 13 4	30	1877	1906	6,133 6 8		
	5,000	3 15 –	166 13 4	30	1878	1907	4,000 – –		
	6,000	3 15 –	200 – –	30	1878	1907	4,800 – –		
	2,800	3 15 –	93 6 8	30	1878	1907	2,240 – –		
	10,000	3 15 –	333 6 8	30	1878	1907	8,000 – –		
	4,000	3 15 –	133 6 8	30	1879	1908	3,333 6 8		
	10,000	3 15 –	333 6 8	30	1880	1909	8,666 13 4		
	6,000	4 – –	200 – –	30	1882	1911	—	5,600 – –	
	9,000	3 15 –	300 – –	30	1882	1911	—	—	8,400 – –
	12,700	3 10 –	635 – –	20	1882	1911	—	—	11,430 – –
	4,500	3 10 –	150 – –	30	1884	1913	—	—	4,500 – –
	25,000	3 10 –	833 6 8	30	1884	1913	—	—	25,000 – –
Lee Burial Board	2,200	3 15 –	71 – –	31	1878	1908	1,775 – –		
Lewisham District Board ...	5,000	3 17 6	250 – –	20	1874	1893	2,500 – –		
	9,900	3 18 6	180 – –	55	1875	1929	8,280 – –		
	1,000	3 15 –	50 – –	20	1879	1898	750 – –		
	1,500	4 5 –	75 – –	20	1881	1900	1,275 – –		
	24,800	3 15 –	1,600 – –	20	1882	1901	21,600 – –		
	2,200	3 10 –	440 – –	5	1882	1886	—	—	1,320 – –
	3,900	3 10 –	195 – –	20	1882	1901	—	—	3,510 – –
	2,900	3 10 –	193 – –	15	1883	1897	—	—	2,900 – –
	2,100	3 10 –	210 – –	10	1884	1893	—	—	2,100 – –
	700	3 10 –	117 – –	6	1884	1889	—	—	700 – –
Limehouse District Board ...	7,250	3 17 6	10 – –	51	1879	1929	460 – –		
	7,250	3 17 6	127 – –	57	1873	1929	5,842 – –		
	6,000	3 17 6	105 – –	57	1873	1929	4,830 – –		
	5,633	3 18 6	51 – –	55	1875	1929	2,346 – –		
	1,900	3 18 6	35 – –	54	1876	1929	1,610 – –		
	10,500	3 18 6	700 – –	15	1876	1890	4,900 – –		
Limehouse Churchwardens, &c.	5,000	3 15 –	166 13 4	30	1879	1908	4,333 6 8		
	1,300	3 15 –	44 16 7	29	1880	1908	1,165 10 3		
	1,500	3 10 –	50 – –	30	1882	1911		—	1,400
Metropolitan Asylums District Managers	460,000	3 17 6	7,666 13 4	60	1870	1929	352,666 13 4		
	7,550	3 17 6	128 – –	59	1871	1929	5,888 – –		
	14,500	3 17 6	246 – –	59	1871	1929	11,316 – –		
	17,950	4 – –	304 – –	59	1871	1929	13,998 – –		
	16,700	3 17 6	283 – –	59	1871	1929	13,018 – –		
	12,773	3 17 6	221 – –	58	1872	1929	10,166 – –		
	23,797	3 17 6	417 – –	57	1873	1929	19,182 – –		
	7,800	3 17 6	139 – –	56	1874	1929	6,394 – –		
	38,930	3 18 6	708 – –	55	1875	1929	32,568 – –		
	50,000	3 15 –	926 – –	54	1876	1929	42,596 – –		
	25,000	3 15 –	480 – –	52	1877	1929	21,600 – –		
	25,000	3 15 –	1,250 – –	20	1877	1896	16,250 – –		
	50,000	3 15 –	961 – –	52	1877	1929	43,245 – –		
	30,075	3 15 –	578 – –	52	1878	1929	26,588 – –		
	16,500	3 15 –	825 – –	20	1878	1897	11,550 – –		
	31,500	3 15 –	617 – –	51	1879	1929	28,382 – –		
	18,500	3 15 –	1,233 – –	15	1879	1929	12,330 – –		
	42,700	3 15 –	854 – –	50	1879	1928	38,430 – –		
	4,500	3 15 –	300 – –	15	1879	1893	3,000 – –		
	2,800	3 15 –	140 – –	20	1879	1898	2,100 – –		
	24,450	4 10 –	1,630 – –	15	1881	1895	19,560 – –		
	18,200	3 15 –	372 – –	49	1881	1929	17,084 – –		
	13,750	3 15 –	281 – –	49	1881	1929	12,907 – –		
	3,600	4 10 –	240 – –	15	1881	1895	2,880 – –		
	11,600	4 10 –	773 – –	15	1882	1896	—	10,054 – –	
	11,000	3 10 –	2,200 – –	5	1882	1886	—	—	6,600 – –
	7,700	3 10 –	513 – –	15	1882	1896	—	—	6,674 – –
	6,600	3 10 –	112 – –	59	1882	1941	—	6,488 – –	
	9,830	3 10 –	170 – –	58	1884	1941	—	9,830 – –	
	2,200	3 10 –	440 – –	5	1884	1888	—	—	2,200 – –
	32,465	3 10 –	560 – –	58	1884	1941		32,465 – –	—
	2,250	3 10 –	75 – –	30	1884	1913	—	—	2,250 – –
	12,630	3 10 –	842 – –	15	1884	1898	—	—	12,630 – –
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,419,444 15 3	109,257 13 4	379,093 16 1

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Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount to be repaid annually.	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding 10th November, 1883.		
					First.	Last.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1929.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1941.	Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,419,444 15 3	109,257 13 4	379,093 16 1
Mile End Old Town Vestry ...	6,000	3 17 6	300 - -	20	1874	1893	3,000 - -		
	6,000	3 17 6	300 - -	20	1874	1893	3,000 - -		
	6,000	3 17 6	300 - -	20	1874	1893	3,000 - -		
	7,000	3 17 6	350 - -	20	1874	1893	3,500 - -		
	2,000	3 15 -	100 - -	20	1880	1899	1,600 - -		
	4,000	4 10 -	286 - -	14	1881	1894	3,142 - -		
	2,250	3 10 -	113 - -	20	1884	1903	—	—	2,250 - -
Mile End Old Town Guardians	3,310	3 15 -	110 6 8	30	1877	1906	2,537 13 4		
	2,190	3 15 -	73 - -	30	1877	1906	1,679 - -		
	1,200	4 10 -	80 - -	15	1881	1895	960 - -		
	33,000	4 - -	1,100 - -	30	1881	1910	29,700 - -		
	5,000	3 15 -	250 - -	20	1882	1901	—	—	4,500 - -
	4,200	3 10 -	280 - -	15	1883	1897	—	—	3,920 - -
	2,500	3 10 -	250 - -	10	1884	1893	—	—	2,500 - -
Newington Vestry	10,000	3 15 -	500 - -	20	1878	1897	7,000 - -		
North Surrey District School Managers	1,600	3 10 -	106 13 4	15	1882	1896	—	—	1,386 13 4
	3,000	3 10 -	100 - -	30	1882	1911	—	—	2,800 - -
Paddington Vestry	3,200	3 15 -	160 - -	20	1880	1899	2,560 - -		
	13,000	3 15 -	2,600 - -	5	1882	1886	—	—	7,800 - -
	13,900	3 10 -	2,800 - -	4	1882	1885	—	—	4,600 - -
	12,000	3 10 -	2,400 - -	5	1883	1887	—	—	9,600 - -
	19,000	3 10 -	3,166 - -	6	1884	1889	—	—	19,000 - -
Plumstead District Board ...	1,000	3 18 6	33 10 -	30	1876	1905	737 - -		
	850	3 15 -	43 - -	20	1878	1897	592 - -		
	2,500	3 15 -	125 - -	20	1879	1898	1,875 - -		
	1,000	3 15 -	67 - -	15	1879	1893	665 - -		
	1,000	3 15 -	100 - -	10	1880	1889	600 - -		
	800	3 15 -	54 - -	15	1880	1894	584 - -		
	1,000	4 5 -	50 - -	20	1882	1901	900 - -		
	4,200	3 10 -	280 - -	15	1884	1898	—	—	4,200 - -
	1,500	3 10 -	300 - -	5	1884	1888	—	—	1,500 - -
	1,000	3 10 -	34 - -	30	1884	1913	—	—	1,000 - -
Poplar District Board ...	8,000	3 17 6	400 - -	20	1874	1893	4,000 - -		
	9,500	3 17 6	500 - -	19	1875	1893	5,000 - -		
	14,000	3 15 -	700 - -	20	1878	1897	9,800 - -		
	13,000	3 15 -	650 - -	20	1880	1899	10,400 - -		
	12,500	3 15 -	625 - -	20	1880	1899	10,000 - -		
	3,500	3 15 -	175 - -	20	1881	1900	2,975 - -		
	3,500	3 10 -	700 - -	5	1883	1887	—	—	2,800 - -
	3,000	3 10 -	200 - -	15	1884	1898	—	—	3,000 - -
Putney Churchwardens ...	3,500	3 15 -	116 13 4	30	1880	1909	3,033 6 8		
Rotherhithe Vestry	2,100	3 15 -	42 - -	50	1880	1929	1,932 - -		
	2,000	3 15 -	100 - -	20	1882	1901	—	—	1,800 - -
	1,800	3 10 -	90 - -	20	1884	1903	—	—	1,800 - -
Rotherhithe Baths, &c., Commissioners	1,500	3 15 -	50 - -	30	1880	1909	1,300 - -		
	24,500	3 15 -	816 13 4	30	1880	1909	22,050 - -		
	3,000	3 10 -	104 - -	29	1883	1911	—	—	2,896 - -
St. George, Hanover-square Vestry	20,000	4 - -	2,857 - -	7	1881	1887	11,429 - -		
	2,400	4 - -	343 - -	7	1881	1887	1,372 - -		
	10,500	3 15 -	350 - -	30	1882	1911	—	9,800 - -	
	5,000	3 10 -	1,000 - -	5	1882	1886	—	—	3,000 - -
„ Burial Board ...	5,000	3 10 -	200 - -	25	1884	1908	—	—	5,000 - -
„ Baths, &c., Commissioners	5,000	3 10 -	250 - -	20	1884	1903	—	—	5,000 - -
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,570,367 15 3	119,057 13 4	469,446 9 5

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Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount to be repaid annually.	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding 10th November, 1883.		
							Raised in Stock.		Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
					First.	Last.	Terminable in 1929.	Terminable in 1941.	
Brought forward ...	£ ...	£ s. d ...	£ s. d. ...	...	...	...	£ s. d. 1,570,367 15 3	£ s. d. 119,057 13 4	£ s. d. 469,446 9 5
St. George-in-the-East Vestry	1,500	3 18 6	50 – –	30	1876	1905	1,100 – –		
St. George-in-the-East Guardians	23,688	3 15 –	1,184 8 –	20	1879	1898	17,766 – –		
	2,500	3 15 –	100 – –	25	1879	1903	2,100 – –		
	700	3 15 –	29 3 4	24	1880	1903	612 10 –		
	6,000	4 – –	200 – –	30	1881	1910	5,600 – –		
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, Vestry	2,000	3 15 –	100 – –	20	1877	1896	1,300 – –		
	2,000	3 15 –	100 – –	20	1877	1896	1,300 – –		
	2,000	3 15 –	100 – –	20	1878	1897	1,400 – –		
	2,000	3 15 –	100 – –	20	1878	1897	1,400 – –		
	6,500	3 15 –	325 – –	20	1880	1899	5,200 – –		
	1,700	3 10 –	85 – –	20	1884	1903	—	1,700 – –	
St. Giles District Board ...	1,874	3 15 –	36 – –	52	1878	1929	1,656 – –		
	8,000	3 15 –	267 – –	30	1881	1910	7,199 – –		
	7,500	3 10 –	1,072 – –	7	1884	1890	—	—	7,500 – –
	7,500	3 10 –	1,072 – –	7	1884	1890	—	—	7,500 – –
St. Luke, Middlesex, Vestry...	3,015	3 15 –	57 – –	53	1877	1929	2,622 – –		
	2,000	3 15 –	100 – –	20	1877	1896	1,300 – –		
	20,000	3 15 –	385 – –	52	1878	1929	17,690 – –		
	33,000	3 15 –	660 – –	50	1878	1927	29,040 – –		
	†26,000	3 15 –	520 – –	50	1878	1927	22,880 – –		
* (To be repaid in one sum on the 24th March, 1890.)	*21,000	3 15 –	—	10	1890	1890	21,000 – –		
	2,100	3 10 –	140 – –	15	1884	1898	—	—	2,100 – –
	2,300	3 10 –	192 – –	12	1884	1895	—	—	2,300 – –
St. Martin-in-the-Fields Vestry	14,200	3 10 –	2,840 – –	5	1884	1888	—	—	14,200 – –
St. Marylebone Vestry ...	26,400	3 17 6	266 –	58	1872	1929	12,236 – –		
	13,600	3 17 6	120 – –	51	1879	1929	5,520 – –		
	8,925	3 17 6	49 – –	51	1879	1929	2,280 – –		
	4,842	3 17 6	47 –	50	1880	1929	2,154 – –		
	5,000	3 17 6	84 – –	56	1874	1929	3,872 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	250 – –	20	1878	1897	3,500 – –		
	11,000	3 15 –	367 – –	30	1878	1907	8,798 – –		
	2,000	3 15 –	67 – –	30	1878	1907	1,598 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	166 – –	30	1880	1909	4,336 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	166 – –	30	1880	1909	4,336 – –		
St. Marylebone Guardians ...	10,000	3 18 6	334 – –	30	1876	1905	7,328 – –		
	10,000	3 18 6	333 6 8	30	1876	1905	7,333 6 8		
	10,000	3 18 6	333 6 8	30	1876	1905	7,333 6 8		
	17,000	3 10 –	1,133 6 8	15	1882	1896	—	—	14,733 6 8
	1,000	3 10 –	50 – –	20	1882	1901	—	—	900 – –
St. Olave's District Board ...	2,500	3 15 –	167 – –	15	1878	1892	1,498 – –		
	2,400	3 10 –	480 – –	5	1883	1887	—	—	1,920 – –
	1,000	3 10 –	142 – –	7	1884	1890	—	—	1,000 – –
St. Pancras Vestry	8,000	3 17 6	400 – –	20	1874	1893	4,000 – –		
	5,500	3 15 –	184 – –	30	1877	1906	4,212 – –		
	11,250	3 15 –	1,125 – –	10	1877	1886	3,375 – –		
	10,200	3 15 –	1,457 – –	7	1878	1884	1,457 – –		
	1,927	3 15 –	39 – –	50	1878	1927	1,693 – –		
	6,750	3 15 –	225 – –	30	1878	1907	5,400 – –		
	6,000	3 15 –	300 – –	20	1878	1897	4,200 – –		
	1,700	3 15 –	113 – –	15	1878	1892	1,017 – –		
	3,000	3 15 –	60 – –	50	1879	1928	2,700 – –		
	800	3 15 –	40 – –	20	1878	1898	600 – –		
	800	3 15 –	80 – –	10	1879	1888	400 – –		
	700	3 15 –	23 – –	30	1880	1909	608 – –		
	1,200	3 10 –	40 – –	30	1884	1913	—	—	1,200 – –
Carried forward ...	...	...	...	...	...		£ 1,813,317 18 7	120,757 13 4	52[illegible]9 16 1

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Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount to be repaid annually.	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding, 10th November, 1883.		
					First.	Last	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1929.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1941.	Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
	£	£ s d.	£ s. d.	...	...	...	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,813,317 15 7	120,757 13 4	522,799 16 1
St. Pancras Guardians ...	50,000	3 15 –	2,000 – –	25	1878	1902	38,000 – –		
	1,200	3 10 –	40 – –	15	1882	1896	—	—	1,040 – –
	700	3 10 –	35 – –	20	1884	1903	—	—	700 – –
St. Pancras Baths, &c., Commissioners	4,500	3 15 –	150 – –	30	1877	1906	3,450 – –		
	5,500	3 15 –	110 – –	50	1877	1926	4,730 – –		
	10,000	3 15 –	333 6 8	30	1877	1906	7,666 13 4		
	8,000	3 15 –	266 13 4	30	1878	1907	6,400 – –		
	12,000	3 15 –	600 – –	20	1878	1897	8,400 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	166 13 4	30	1878	1907	4,000 – –		
St. Pancras Burial Board ...	10,000	3 15 –	333 6 8	30	1878	1907	8,000 – –		
St. Saviour's District Board...	3,000	3 17 6	200 – –	15	1874	1888	1,000 – –		
School Board for London ...	20,000	3 17 6	400 – –	50	1873	1922	15,600 – –		
	20,000	3 17 6	400 – –	50	1873	1922	15,600 – –		
	50,000	3 17 6	1,000 – –	50	1874	1923	40,000 – –		
	150,000	3 15 –	3,000 – –	50	1880	1929	138,000 – –		
	100,000	3 15 –	2,000 – –	50	1880	1929	92,000 – –		
	100,000	3 15 –	2,041 – –	49	1881	1929	93,877 – –		
	150,000	3 15 –	3,062 – –	49	1881	1929	140,814 – –		
	100,000	3 15 –	2,000 – –	50	1882	1931	—	96,000 – –	
	100,000	3 10 –	2,000 – –	50	1882	1931	—	96,000 – –	
	200,000	3 10 –	4,000 – –	50	1882	1931	—	192,000 – –	
	100,000	3 10 –	2,000 – –	50	1883	1932	—	98,000 – –	
	100,000	3 10 –	2,000 – –	50	1883	1932	—	98,000 – –	
	200,000	3 10 –	4,000 – –	50	1883	1932	—	196,000 – –	
	100,000	3 10 –	2,000 – –	50	1884	1933	—	100,000 – –	
	100,000	3 10 –	2,000 – –	50	1884	1933	—	100,000 – –	
	100,000	3 10 –	2,000 – –	50	1884	1933	—	100,000 – –	
Shoreditch Vestry	5,000	3 18 6	333 – –	15	1876	1890	2,331 – –		
	10,000	3 18 6	714 – –	14	1877	1890	4,998 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	250 – –	20	1877	1896	3,250 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	263 – –	19	1878	1896	3,419 – –		
	40,000	3 15 –	770 – –	52	1878	1929	35,380 – –		
	5,000	3 15 –	250 – –	20	1878	1897	3,500 – –		
	4,000	3 15 –	134 – –	30	1878	1907	3,196 – –		
	15,000	3 15 –	165 – –	51	1879	1929	7,545 – –		
	6,000	3 15 –	400 – –	15	1880	1894	4,400 – –		
	6,000	3 15 –	400 – –	15	1880	1894	4,400 – –		
Shoreditch Guardians ...	11,690	3 18 6	389 13 4	30	1876	1905	8,572 13 4		
	2,700	3 15 –	90 – –	30	1878	1907	2,160 – –		
	1,000	3 10 –	66 13 4	15	1883	1897	—	—	933 6 8
	6,200	3 10 –	206 13 4	30	1884	1913	—	—	6,200 – –
South Metropolitan School District Managers ...	4,500	3 15	150 – –	30	1881	1910	4,050 – –		
	10,000	3 10 –	333 6 8	30	1882	1911	—	—	9,333 6 8
	10,000	3 10 –	333 6 8	30	1882	1911	—	—	9,333 6 8
	25,000	3 10 –	833 6 8	30	1882	1911	—	—	23,333 6 8
	30,000	3 10 –	1,000 – –	10	1883	1912	—	—	29,000 – –
	5,000	3 10 –	500 – –	10	1884	1893	—	—	5,000 – –
Strand District Board ...	3,500	3 10 –	175 – –	20	1882	1901	—		3,150 – –
	2,500	3 10 –	500 – –	5	1882	1886	—	—	1,500 – –
Strand Union Guardians ...	31,500	3 15 –	1,432 – –	22	1878	1899	22,908 – –		
	6,600	3 15 –	330 – –	20	1879	1898	5,280 – –		
Streatham Churchwardens, &c.	3,000	3 15 –	300 – –	10	1879	1888	1,500 – –		
Carried forward ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,547,745 5 3	1,196,757 13 4	612,323 2 9

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Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount to be repaid annually.	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding 10th November, 1883.		
					First.	Last	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1929.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1941.	Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,547,745 5 3	1,196,757 13 4	612,323 2 9
Wandsworth District Board...	3,600	3 18 6	120 – –	30	1876	1905	2,640 – –		
	1,400	3 15 -	47 – –	30	1877	1906	1,071 – –		
	1,500	3 15 –	150 – –	10	1877	1886	450 – –		
	1,500	4 – –	50 – –	30	1881	1910	1,350 – –		
	3,000	4 – –	100 – –	30	1882	1911	2,800 – –		
	1,000	3 10 –	100 – –	10	1882	1891	—	—	800 – –
	2,000	3 10 –	67 – –	30	1883	1912	—	—	1,933 – –
West Kent Main Sewerage Board	16,500	3 15 –	330 – –	50	1879	1928	14,850 – –		
Westminster District Board...	11,100	3 10 –	1,586 – –	7	1882	1888	—	—	7,928 – –
	6,800	3 10 –	972 – –	7	1883	1889	—	—	5,828 – –
Whitechapel do.	15,000	3 17 6	259 – –	58	1872	1929	11,914 – –		
	10,000	3 18 6	667 – –	15	1876	1890	4,664 – –		
	5,000	3 18 6	333 – –	15	1876	1890	2,331 – –		
Whitechapel Baths, &c., Commissioners	3,000	3 15 –	100 – –	30	1877	1906	2,300 – –		
	3,000	3 15 –	104 – –	29	1878	1906	2,376 – –		
	2,500	3 15 –	86 – –	29	1878	1906	1,978 – –		
Woolwich Local Board ...	3,400	3 15 –	70 – –	48	1882	1929	3,260 – –		
							2,599,729 5 3	1,196,757 13 4	628,812 2 9

Loans to Guardians for Poor Law Purposes, and other Bodies, repayable by fixed periodical amounts, including Principal and Interest.

Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount of fixed payment.	How payable.	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding 10th November, 1883.		
						First.	Last.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1929.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1941.	Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bloomsbury Guardians	15,000	3 15 –	419 9 4	Half-yearly.	30	1878	1908	13,508 19 5		
	15,000	3 15 –	419 9 4	do.	30	1879	1908	13,508 19 5		
	10,000	3 15 –	279 12 10	do.	30	1880	1909	9,219 17 10		
	10,000	3 15 –	279 12 10	do.	30	1880	1909	9,323 17 10		
	3,000	3 10 –	81 6 4	do.	30	1882	1911	2,912 14 7		
Brentwood School District Managers	30,000	3 15 –	1,693 13 3	Yearly.	30	1879	1908	27,017 18 10		
	15,000	3 15 –	419 9 4	Half-yearly.	30	1879	1908	13,670 18 1		
	2,700	3 15 –	75 10 1	do.	30	1879	1908	2,460 15 4		
	2,000	3 15 –	55 18 7	do.	30	1880	1910	1,885 3 11		
Camberwell Guardians	20,000	3 15 –	559 5 9	do.	30	1878	1907	17,791 19 5		
	26,000	3 15 –	727 1 5	do.	30	1879	1908	23,415 10 10		
	10,000	3 15 –	279 12 10	do.	30	1879	1908	9,113 18 8		
Chelsea Guardians ...	30,000	4 – –	865 2 8	do.	30	1881	1911	—	28,635 11 9	
	18,000	3 15 –	503 7 2	do.	30	1882	1911	—	—	17,497 16 8
	2,500	3 10 –	67 15 3	do.	30	1883	1911	—	—	2,476 3 7
Fulham Guardians ...	45,000	3 10 –	1,219 14 7	do.	30	1883	1913	—	—	44,571 4 4
Holborn Guardians ...	10,400	3 15 –	290 16 7	do.	30	1879	1908	9,478 9 7		
	23,000	3 15 –	643 3 7	do.	30	1880	1909	21,444 19 2		
	13,500	3 15 –	377 10 5	do.	30	1882	1911	—	12,993 1 7	
Carried forward ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 2,774,483 8 2	1,238,386 6 8	693,357 7 4

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Loans issued by the Board (continued).

Name of Borrower.	Amount of Loan.	Rate of Interest.	Amount of fixed payment.	How Payable.	For how many years.	First and last years of repayment.		Balances outstanding, 10th November, 1883.		
						First.	Last.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1929.	Raised in Stock. Terminable in 1941.	Advanced out of Consolidated Loans Fund.
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,774,483 8 2	1,238,386 6 8	693,357 7 4
slington Guardians...	3,000	3 15 –	83 17 11	Half-yearly.	30	1878	1907	2,668 15 11		
	8,000	3 15 –	223 14 4	do.	30	1879	1908	7,204 15 6		
	1,500	3 15 –	41 19 –	do.	30	1880	1909	1,382 19 6		
	42,000	3 10 –	1,138 8 3	do.	30	1882	1912	—	—	40,778 3 8
	5,000	3 10 –	135 10 6	do.	30	1882	1912	—	—	4,854 10 11
ensington Guardians	55,000	4 – –	1,586 1 6	do.	30	1882	1911	—	53,018 19 7	
ewisham Guardians	6,000	3 10 –	162 12 8	do.	30	1882	1911	—	—	5,825 9 2
	5,000	3 10 –	135 10 6	do.	30	1882	1911	—	—	4,854 10 11
	10,000	3 10 –	271 1 –	do.	30	1882	1911	—	—	9,807 15 2
	5,000	3 10 –	135 10 6	do.	30	1883	1913	—	—	5,000 – –
	10,000	3 10 –	271 1	do.	30	1884	1913	—	—	10,000 – –
ddington Guardians	12,000	3 10 –	325 5 3	do	30	1883	1913	—	—	11,885 13 2
. George's Union Guardians ...	7,500	3 10 –	203 5 9	do.	30	1882	1912	—	—	7,355 16 4
	12,700	3 10 –	344 4 9	do.	30	1883	1912	—	—	12,455 17 –
	12,300	3 10 –	333 7 10	do.	30	883	1912	—	—	12,063 10 9
	10,000	3 10 –	271 1 –	do.	30	1883	1913	—	—	9,904 14 4
	10,000	3 10 –	271 1 –	do.	30	1883	1913	—	—	10,000 – –
. Marylebone Guardians	15,000	3 15 –	419 9 4	do.	30	1877	1906	12,830 3 1		
	2,200	3 15 –	124 4 1	Yearly.	30	1878	1907	1,932 9 4		
	8,000	3 15 –	223 14 4	Half-yearly.	30	1878	1908	7,204 15 6		
	2,000	3 15 –	55 18 7	do.	30	1880	1909	1,822 15 9		
	40,000	3 15 –	1,118 11 5	do.	30	1880	1909	36,879 11 8		
	27,500	3 15 –	769 – 5	do.	30	1880	1910	25,921 8 5		
	30,000	4 – –	865 2 8	do.	30	1881	1910	28,346 – 8		
	19,000	4 – –	547 18 4	do.	30	1881	1910	18,135 17 5		
	3,000	4 – –	86 10 4	do.	30	1882	1911	—	2,891 18 10	
	4,500	3 10 –	121 19 6	do.	30	1882	1911	—	—	4,369 1 9
. Olave's Guardians	20,000	3 15 –	559 5 9	do.	30	1878	1907	17,567 17 –		
	2,000	4 – –	57 13 7	do.	30	1881	1911	—	1,909 – 10	
. Pancras Guardians	1,300	3 10 –	35 4 9	do.	30	1883	1913	—	—	1,287 12 3
	50,000	3 10 –	1,355 5 1	do.	30	1883	1913	—	—	50,000 – –
	10,000	3 10 –	271 1 –	do.	20	1884	1913	—	—	10,000 – –
. Saviour's Guardians	20,000	3 15 –	559 5 9	do.	30	1877	1906	17,106 17 4		
andsworth Burial Board	8,500	3 15 –	237 14 –	do.	30	1878	1907	7,466 6 9		
	7,500	3 15 –	209 14 8	do.	30	1878	1907	6,587 19 –		
andsworth Churchwardens, &c. ...	2,000	3 15 –	55 18 7	do.	30	1879	1909	1,822 15 9		
	8,000	3 15 –	223 14 4	do.	30	1879	1909	7,540 15 5		
	2,000	3 10 –	54 4 3	do.	30	1882	1911	—	—	1,941 16 5
andsworth and Clapham Union Guardians	10,000	3 10 –	271 1 –	do.	30	1883	1913	—	—	9,904 14 6
							£	2,976,905 12 2	1,296,206 5 11	915,646 13 6
									£5,188,758 11 7	

Total Loans advanced by Board—

Out of money raised by creation of Stock		£5,150,887 – –
Out of the Consolidated Loans Fund	£972,960 9s. 5d., 1929 Account 36,900 – – 1941 Account	1,009,860 9 5
Instalments of the above repaid to the Board	£3,859,011 3s. 10d., 1929 Account 1,329,747 7s. 9d., 1941 Account	£6,160,747 9 5 971,988 17 10
Balance, as above		5,188,758 11 7

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CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.

AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED IN **1884** TOWARDS REDUCTION OF DEBT.

	1884. £ s. d.	1883. £ s. d.
1. In respect of Debt created for the purpose of advancing Loans, under the Loans and Money Acts of the Board—		
The Balances of Loans outstanding on 10th November, 1883 (excluding those advanced from the Consolidated Loans Fund, other than the deferred interest (£12,430 9s. 5d.) due from the Kew and other Bridges Joint Committee), were as follows—		
At 3 10 – per cent. 973,237 14 7		
At 3 15 – „ 2,255,412 10 6		
At 3 17 6 „ 613,249 13 4		
At 3 18 6 „ ... ... 155,825 – –		
At 4 – – „ 236,613 2 5		
At 4 5 – „ ... ... 4,555 – –		
At 4 10 – „ 46,649 6 8		
£4,285,542 7 6		
The above amounts were advanced at prices to cover the actual cost of the money in annual interest, adding thereto an amount to pay for the cost of redeeming Metropolitan Consolidated Stock at a higher price than that at which the Stock was issued. Up to May, 1876, the Board charged £3 17s. 6d. or £3 18s. 6d. per cent., but in May, 1876, Metropolitan Consolidated Stock was issued above par, and the rate of interest to Borrowers was then made £3 15s. per cent. In 1880 the Board raised the interest on short Loans to £4, £4 5s., and £4 10s. per cent., having in view the increased cost of re-purchasing Stock in the near future. Such Loans are now advanced out of the Fund at a lower rate.		
The Board will set aside for reduction of debt, a portion of the interest charged on the above Loans; and as the entire interest is brought to the credit of the Consolidated Loans Fund on page 18, the amount to be applied to reduction of debt is here made a charge on the year 1884.		
At 5s. per cent. on the loans at £3 10s., £3 15s., £3 17s. 6d. and £3 18s. 6d. 9,994 6 3		
At 10s. per cent. on the loans at £4 per cent. 1,183 1 4		
At 15s. per cent. on the loans at £4 5s. per cent. 34 3 3		
At 20s. per cent. on the loans at £4 10s. per cent. 466 9 10		
	11,678 – 8	10,796 19 –
II. In respect of Loans expended on Fire Brigade Stations and Plant—		

Year of Loan.	Purpose.	No. of Years.	Amount of Loan.	Balance.	Proportion chargeable in 1883.	1884.	1883.
			£	£ s. d			
1869	Plant .	20	10,000	3,000 – –	Sixth	500 – –	500 – –
1871	Do.	15	5,000	1,666 13 4	Fifth	333 6 8	333 6 8
1876	Stations	30	47,895	36,719 10 –	Twenty-third	1,596 10 –	1,596 10
1877	Do.	30	33,544	26,795 – 5	Twenty-fourth	1,116 9 3	1,116 9 3
„	Plant ...	15	1,456	936 – –	Ninth	104 – –	104 – –
1878	Stations	30	17,732	14,711 10 –	Twenty-fifth	588 9 2	588 9 2
„	Plant ...	15	2,268	1,620 – –	Tenth	162 – –	162 – –
1879	Stations	30	12,398	10,374 – –	Twenty-sixth	399 – –	405 6 8
„	Plant ...	15	9,540	7,497 – –	Eleventh	681 – –	681 – –
1880	Stations	30	18,128	16,315 4 –	Twenty-seventh	604 5 4	604 5 4
„	Plant ...	15	6,866	5,492 16 –	Twelfth	457 14 8	457 14 8
Total out of Stock Redeemable in 1929 ...				£125,127 13 9			
1881	Stations	30	30,255	28,290 17 –	Twenty-eighth	1,010 7 4	1,010 7 4
„	Plant ...	15	1,466	1,318 7 3	Thirteenth	101 8 5	101 8 5
1882	Stations	30	16,493	15,660 – –	Twenty-ninth	540 – –	833 – –
„	Plant ...	15	2,137	1,970 – –	Fourteenth	150 – –	167 – –
1883	Various	...	45,000	45,000 – –	Thirtieth	1,500 – –	...
Total out of Stock Redeemable in 1941 ...				£92,239 4 3			

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1884.	1883.
III. In respect of Loans raised for other purposes —				
1. As to Loan terminable in or before 1929.				
Gross. (See page 7.)		17,487,259 3 7		
Less—Loans repayable by 1929 (see p. 16)	3,859,011 3 10			
Value of surplus lands	2,518,813 – –			
Fire Brigade Loans (up to 1881) for which provision is separately made	125,127 13 9			
		6,502,951 17 7		
Net debt, terminable in 1929 (excluding Fire Brigade) ...		£10,984,307 6 –		
One forty-sixth part chargeable on 1884			238,789 6 –	245,846 10 7
2. As to Loan terminable in 1941.				
Gross. (See page 7.)		5,350,000 – –		
Less—Loans repayable by 1941 (see p. 16)	1,329,747 7 9			
Fire Brigade Loans of 1881, 1882 and 1883, for which provision is separately made	92,239 4 3			
Money in hand, to be advanced in Loans (see page 7.) ...	294,225 – –			
		1,716,211 12 –		
Net debt terminable in 1941 (excluding Fire Brigade) ...		£3,633,788 8 –		
One fifty-seventh part chargeable on 1884			63,750 13 6	52,898 13 2
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED IN THE CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND, for which see next page £			324,062 11 –	
Amount provided in 1883			... ... £	318,203 – 3

All money received for sale of surplus land is applicable to reduction of debt, in addition to the above.

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CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.

(Established under Act 32 and 33 Vict., c. 102, s. 26.)

INTEREST AND SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

	1884. Estimate.	1883. Estimate.	1883. Expenditure and Receipts. (*partly estimated*).	1882. Expenditure and Receipts (*actual*).
AMOUNTS PAYABLE—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dividends on Metropolitan Consolidated Stock	784,951 - -	729,451 - -	726,826 - -	680,326 8 -
Interest on Thames Embankment Loan...	5,520 - -	7,520 - -	6,350 - -	11,632 1 3
Discount on prompt payment of Loan ...	600 - -	600 - -	171 - -	2,703 16 8
Rents—Drawbacks and costs of collection, including advertisements in connection with the letting of land	10,000 - -	6,000 - -	13,346 - -	7,184 14 2
	801,071 - -	743,571 - -	746,693 - -	701,847 - 1
Redemption of Capital (as per Statement on preceding page)	324,063 - -	318,203 - -	318,203 - -	295,110 - -
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	1,125,134 - -	1,061,774 - -	1,064,896 - -	996,957 - 1
AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE—				
Balance in hand at the beginning of the year (Less first dividend of the year) ...	25,357 - -	46,743 - -	51,100 - -	27,687 11 4
Interest—				
On Cash balance and deposits ... ...£12,500 - -		12,500 -	18,480 - -	15,812 16 3
On Loans to Managers of Metropolitan Asylums District, London School Board, Vestries, District Boards, and others ... 195,000 - -		160,000 - -	166,000 -	136,752 17 5
On other claims ... 500 - -		500 - -	850 - -	474 18 2
Interest and Sinking Fund on Main Drainage debt receivable from Hornsey, South Hornsey, and Beckenham Local Boards ... 2,680 - -		2,573 - -	2,573 - -	2,323 17 4
	210,680 - -			
Rents	90,000 - -	80,000 - -	88,000 - -	108,220 2 2
Coal and Wine Duties...	295,000 - -	295,000 - -	295,000 - -	294,743 13 6
Fees on issue of Stock certificates to bearer	300 - -	300 - -	464 - -	476 6 -
Dividend and Sinking Fund charged to Bridge expenses (p. 19)	94,195 - -	89,628 - -	89,628 - -	82,902 - -
Dividend and Sinking Fund charged to Dwelling House Improvement Fund (p. 20)	68,246 - -	77,528 - -	77,528 - -	78,528 - -
Interest charged on a Loan of £40,000 advanced to the Joint Committee under the Kew and other Bridges Act, the same to be received with compound interest on 10th July, 1889	1,994 - -	1,921 - -	1,921 - -	1,850 10 7
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVABLE	785,772 - -	766,693 - -	791,544 - -	749,772 12 9
Deficiency chargeable on Rate ...	339,362 - -			
The same in years 1883 and 1882 ...		295,081 - -	295,081 - -	286,466 - -

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MANAGEMENT OF METROPOLITAN CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

	1884.	1883.		1882.
	Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure.	Expenditure.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s d.
The management of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock is undertaken by the Bank of England at an annual charge of £400 per £1,000,000 Stock	8,800 – –	8,435 – –	8,178 10 6	7,397 9 7

BRIDGE EXPENSES.

The expense of maintaining the bridges and roads over them devolves upon the Board. The counties of Middlesex and Surrey contri £1,200 per annum each, towards the sum expended.

WORKS.	Acts authorizing the works.	Amounts borrowed.			Estimate for 1884.						Defici charged
					Expenditure.				Receipts	Deficiency chargeable on rates.	
		Year.	Original amount.	Balance outstanding.	Dividend. (* Less rents, £800.)	Sinking Fund.	Other expenses including pensions.	Total.	Mid'sex & Surre £2,400 S. E. R Co. £675.		1883.
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1. Purchasing the various Metropolitan Toll Bridges, and maintaining them as free communications (*raised as a General, not a Sewers' Rate*)	40 and 41 Vic., c. 99.	1878 1879 1882 1883	1,000,000 500,000 50,000 5,000	901,960 460,000 49,138 5,000	*52,168	30,558	11,595	94,321	3,075	91,246	92,879
2 Constructing New Bridges at Putney and Battersea, and effecting alterations to Vauxhall and Deptford Creek Bridges (*A charge upon the Board's ordinary rate, and will be raised, therefore, as a Sewers' rate.*)	44 and 45 Vic., c. 192.	1882 1883	100,000 120,000	98,27 120 006	7,640	3,829	...	11,469	...	11,469	5,224
					59,808	34,387	11,595	105,790	3,075	102,715	98,103
					94,195						

The provision required for **1884** will be £102,715.

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DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Under the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act of 1875 (38 and 39 Vic., cap 36), it is obligatory upon the Board to establish this Fund, to which all receipts under the Act are to be carried, and all expenses charged. The money required to establish the Fund, and any deficiency arising from time to time are to be supplied either by money borrowed or "local rate," and the "local rate" is not the Board's Consolidated Rate, but a distinct portion of it, to which the City of London is not liable.

Scheme.	Confirming Act.	Estimate of Cost as stated in Acts of Parliament (see adjoining columns for later Estimate.)		Estimates from Report of Sub-Committee, dated 13th December, 1880.		Amount borrowed.		Expenditure. —— Amount paid to 30 Sept., 1883.	Deficiency chargeable on Local Rate (Interest and Sinking Fund of money borrowed).		
		Gross.	Net.	Gross.	Net.	Year.	Amount.		1884.	1883.	1882.
		£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£
Whitechapel and Limehouse ...	39-40 V., c. 200	110,500	54,400	161,557	128,057	1877 1881	160,500	160,775	8,329	8,438	8,547
Whitechapel (Goulston Street and Flower and Dean Street)	40-41 V., c. 103	287,629	147,773	353,798	255,141	1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883	308,500	318,805	16,466	14,637	14,831
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark	40-41 V., c. 103	59,760	33,353	61,851	52,717	1880	50,000	52,430	2,672	2,708	2,745
St. Martin's-in-the Fields and Strand District (Bedfordbury)	40-41 V., c. 103	86,535	63,995	84,299	75,413	1887 1888	75,000	75,297	3,941	3,992	4,044
St. Giles-in-the-Fields, No. 1 (Great Wild Street)	40-41 V., c. 133	87,575	49,540	117,983	102,143	1878 1879	100,000	105,102	5,397	5,471	5,545
Clerkenwell (Pear Tree Court)...	40-41 V., c. 133	19,560	5,050	27,929	21,943	1881	20,000	17,483	27	1,559	1,588
St. Luke's (Whitecross Street)...	40-41 V., c. 133	275,236	98,786	392,706	290,434	1878 1879 1880 1881	375,000	324,265	19,972	20,234	20,495
Islington, No. 1 (High Street) ...	40-41 V., c. 133	22,265	7,960	42,130	35,113	1881	40,000	38,024	1,024	2,586	2,627
Westminster (Old Pye Street) ...	40-41 V., c. 133	64,900	5,830	78,598	50,804	1878 1881	65,000	49,083	3,433	3,479	3,524
St. Marylebone (Bowman's Buildings)	41-42 V., c. 112	55,700	40,700	55,700	45,395	1881	50,000	45,414	...	5,276	5,343
Islington (Essex Road)	41-42 V., c. 112	120,600	77,100	116,417	87,693	1880 1881	105,000	97,982	4,097	6,560	6,642
Westminster (Great Peter Street)	42-43 V., c. 79	11,000	7,500	11,000	10,000	...	...	299	...	...	...
St. Giles and St. Pancras (Little Coram Street)...	42-43 V., c. 79	81,350	58,890	79,036		...	...	10,167	...	...	...
Poplar (Wells Street)	42-43 V., c. 79	78,826	71,047	78,368	70,589	1881	50,000	59,012	2,888	2,568	2,597
Holborn	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1729	...	...	...
Expended on Schemes generally, to be apportioned hereafter (including Tench Street, Brook Street, Windmill Row and Trafalgar Road)	46-47 V., c. 94 to 97	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,027	...	...	...
		1,361,436	721,924	1,661,372	1,225,442	...	1,3 9,000	1,363,894	68,246	77,528	78,528

The provision required for **1884** will be £68,246.

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SEWERAGE WORKS, AND WORKING EXPENSES OF

Sewerage Works.	1884 Total Estimate.	1883. Total Estimate.	1883. Total Expenditure. (*approximate.*)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Construction	3,460 – –	3,385 – –	2,137 – –
Repairs (including hedging and ditching Northern outfall) ...	7,800 – –	7,090 – –	5,328 – –
Cleansing (including wages)	14,936 – –	14,963 – –	13,883 – –
Incidentals	829 – –	662 – –	995 – –
Ventilation and deodorising	700 – –	470 – –	552 – –
	27,725 – –	26,570 – –	22,805 – –
Rent and taxes of sluice-houses, &c....	145 – –	145 – –	145 – –
Wages of Inspectors of works, Flushing inspectors, and Sluice and flap-keepers	4,000 – –	4,000 – –	3,914 – –
£	31,870 – –	30,715 – –	26,864 – –

Pumping Stations.	Abbey Mills. 1884. Estimate.	Abbey Mills. 1883. Estimate.	Abbey Mills. 1883. Expenditure. (*approximate*)	Western. 1884. Estimate.	Western. 1883. Estimate.	Western. 1883. Expenditure. (*approximate*)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wages (including Medical officers and Police)	2,300 – –	2,300 – –	2,300 – –	1,709 – –	1,680 – –	1,703 – –
Coals and coke	10,000 – –	9,200 – –	9,945 – –	1,160 – –	1,100 – –	1,089 – –
Repairs, stores, oil, &c.	4,700 – –	4,000 – –	3,900 – –	1,150 – –	1,200 – –	1,025 – –
Rates and taxes	420 – –	530 – –	420 – –	300 – –	300 – –	306 – –
Gas (exclusive of Crossness) and water	580 – –	580 – –	584 – –	250 – –	250 – –	215 – –
£	18,000 – –	16,610 – –	17,149 – –	4,560 – –	4,530 – –	4,338 – –

Pumping Stations Totals.	1884. Total Estimate.	1883. Total Estimate.	1883. Total Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	1882. Total Expenditure.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wages (including Medical officers, &c.)	11,040 – –	10,957 – –	10,999 – –	10,880 – –
Coals and coke	18,592 – –	17,276 – –	17,186 – –	17,473 – –
Repairs, stores, oil, &c.	16,862 – –	17,031 – –	12,884 – –	8,596 – –
Rates and taxes	2,107 – –	2,261 – –	2,011 – –	1,961 – –
Gas (exclusive of Crossness) and water	1,204 – –	1,178 – –	1,026 – –	1,009 – –
£	49,805 – –	48,703 – –	44,106 –	39,919 – –

Thames Embankments.	1884. Total Estimate.	1883 Total Estimate.	1883 Total Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	Victoria (including road by the Savoy). 1884. Estimate.	Victoria (including road by the Savoy). 1883. Estimate.	Victoria (including road by the Savoy). 1883. Expenditure. (*approximate.*)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Repairs and cleansing	10,600 – –	11,360 – –	8,927 – –	9,700 – –	10,400 – –	8,500 – –
Lighting	1,930 – –	1,910 – –	1,910 – –	1,320 – –	1,320 –	1,320 – –
Water	275 – –	265 – –	263 – –	200 – –	200 – –	200 – –
£	12,805 – –	13,535 – –	11,100 – –	11,220 – –	11,920 – –	10,020 – –

New Roads, &c., Finsbury Park.—(Under Acts 37 and 38 Vict.,
Repairs, cleansing, watering, &c. ... ...

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PUMPING STATIONS, THAMES EMBANKMENTS, NEW ROADS, &c.

Mr. Lovick's District.			Mr. Grant's District.			1882.
1884.	1883		1884.	1883.		
Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	Total Expenditure.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1,000 – –	1,000 – –	*700 – –	2,460 – –	2,385 – –	*1,437 – –	3,722 – –
4,000 – –	4,000 – –	4,140 – –	3,800 – –	3,090 – –	*1,198 – –	4,647 – –
7,600 – –	7,600 – –	7,230 – –	7,336 – –	7,363 – –	6,653 – –	14,028 – –
100 – –	150 – –	100 – –	729 – –	512 – –	795 – –	465 – –
300 – –	170 – –	230 – –	400 – –	300 – –	322 – –	182 – –
13,000 – –	12,920 – –	12,400 – –	14,725 – –	13,650 – –	10,405 – –	23,044 – –
						145 – –
						3,855 – –
						27,044 – –

Crossness			Deptford.			Effra and Battersea.		
1884.	1883.		1884.	1883.		1884.	1883.	
Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	Estimate.	Estimate.	**Expenditure. (*approximate.*)**
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	**£ s. d.**
4,245 – –	4,245 – –	4,380 – –	2,454 – –	2,391 – –	2,260 – –	341 – –	341 – –	**356 – –**
5,220 – –	4,932 – –	3,798 – –	2,068 – –	1,900 – –	2,199 – –	144 – –	144 – –	**155 – –**
9,962 – –	11,184 – –	*6,891 – –	925 – –	522 – –	1,023 – –	125 – –	125 – –	**45 – –**
753 – –	753 – –	641 – –	594 – –	638 – –	594 – –	40 – –	40 – –	**50 – –**
140 – –	140 – –	– – –	214 – –	188 – –	209 – –	20 – –	20 – –	**18 – –**
20,320 – –	21,254 – –	15,710 – –	6,255 – –	5,639 – –	6,285 – –	670 – –	670 – –	**624 – –**

Note.—* With reference to these sums there are other charges for which the bills have not yet been rendered.

Albert.			Chelsea.			1882.
1884.	1883.		1884.	1883.		
Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	Total Expenditure.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
500 – –	460 – –	254 – –	400 – –	500 – –	173 – –	9,484 – –
340 – –	320 – –	337 – –	270 – –	270 – –	253 – –	1,909 – –
15 – –	15 – –	6 – –	60 – –	50 – –	57 – –	248 – –
855 – –	795 – –	597 – –	730 – –	820 – –	483 – –	11,641 – –

	1884.	1883.		1882.
	Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	Expenditure.
cap. 97, charge to continue for 1 year more)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
... ...	540 – –	540 – –	530 – –	305 – –

MAINTENANCE OF PARKS,

Service.	1884. Estimate.	1883. Estimate.	1883. Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	1882. Expenditure.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
FINSBURY-PARK—				
Wages	1,900 – –	1,900 – –	1,799 – –	2,026 – –
Horse-hire, manure, gravel, and repairs to roads and paths	1,500 – –	1,500 – –	745 – –	540 – –
Planting and sowing	100 – –	100 – –	84 – –	102 – –
Repairs to lodge, gates and fencing, implements, &c.	300 – –	400 – –	263 – –	791 – –
Police attendance	220 – –	220 – –	220 – –	220 – –
Clothing and incidentals	175 – –	170 – –	175 – –	169 – –
Rates, taxes, gas and water	250 – –	285 – –	242 – –	285 – –
£	4,445 – –	4,575 – –	3,528 – –	4,133 – –
SOUTHWARK-PARK—				
Wages	1,150 – –	1,100 – –	1,150 – –	1,336 – –
Horse-hire, manure, and repairs to roads and paths	300 – –	300 – –	269 – –	265 – –
Planting and sowing	50 – –	50 – –	64 – –	33 – –
Repairs to lodge, gates and fencing, implements, &c.	300 – –	300 – –	405 – –	136 – –
Police attendance	325 – –	325 – –	325 – –	324 – –
Clothing and incidentals	25 – –	25 – –	20 – –	21 – –
Rates, taxes, tithes, gas and water	110 – –	60 – –	108 – –	57 – –
£	2,260 – –	2,160 – –	2,341 – –	2,172 – –
HAMPSTEAD-HEATH—				
Wages	750 – –	750 – –	702 – –	685 – –
Horse-hire, implements, &c	50 – –	20 – –	52 – –	5 – –
Planting and sowing	10 – –	10 – –	7 – –	8 – –
Repairs to fencing, notice-boards, clothing, and incidentals	250 – –	100 – –	244 – –	554 – –
Water	10 – –	5 – –	8 – –	5 – –
£	1,070 – –	885 – –	1,013 – –	1,257 – –
BLACKHEATH—				
Wages	440 – –	400 – –	430 – –	379 – –
Horse-hire, implements, &c.	40 – –	50 – –	39 – –	32 – –
Planting and sowing	10 – –	20 – –	9 – –	5 – –
Repairs to fencing, cleaning ponds, &c. ...	300 – –	300 – –	9 – –	260 – –
Notice-boards, clothing, and incidentals ...	60 – –	20 – –	57 – –	12 – –
Rates, water, &c.	30 – –	25 – –	28 – –	25 – –
£	880 – –	815 – –	572 – –	713 – –
HACKNEY-COMMONS—*Consisting of London-fields, Well-street-common, Hackney-downs, Stoke Newington-common, Clapton-common, and North and South Mill-fields*—				
Wages	1,500 – –	1,500 – –	829 – –	682 – –
Fencing, soil, horse-hire, repairs, implements, &c.	200 –	200 – –	926 – –	792 – –
Planting and sowing	150 – –	100 – –	139 – –	36 – –
Notice-boards, clothing, and incidentals ...	250 – –	200 – –	177 – –	136 – –
Water and tithes	40 – –	5 – –	36 – –	3 – –
£	2,140 – –	2,005 – –	2,107 – –	1,649 – –
SHEPHERD'S-BUSH-COMMON—				
Wages	105 – –	100 – –	104 – –	82 – –
Planting and sowing	5 – –	5 – –	9 – –	– – –
Repairs, fencing, &c.	20 – –	20 –	7 – –	13 – –
Notice-boards, clothing, and incidentals ...	40 – –	30 – –	36 – –	29 – –
£	170 – –	155 – –	156 – –	124 – –

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COMMONS AND OPEN SPACES.

Service.	1884. Estimate.	1883. Estimate.	1883. Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	1882. Expenditure.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Tooting Commons—				
Wages	600 – –	600 – –	546 – –	501 – –
Drainage, horse-hire, repairs, implements, &c.	200 – –	200 – –	475 – –	227 – –
Planting and sowing	30 – –	40 – –	25 – –	19 – –
Clothing, notice-boards, and incidentals ...	75 – –	100 – –	65 – –	73 – –
£	905 – –	940 – –	1,111 – –	820 – –
Clapham Common—				
Wages	500 – –	600 – –	499 – –	509 – –
Improvements, cleaning out ponds, &c. ...	200 – –	500 – –	500 – –	972 – –
Horse-hire, repairs, implements, &c. ...	150 – –	150 – –	97 – –	149 – –
Planting and sowing	30 – –	40 – –	25 – –	37 – –
Clothing, notice-boards, and incidentals ...	100 – –	100 – –	89 – –	71 – –
£	980 – –	1,390 – –	1,210 – –	1,738 – –
Bostall-heath—				
Wages	200 – –	200 – –	179 – –	162 – –
Planting and sowing	10 – –	10 – –	4 – –	7 – –
Clothing, notice-boards, and incidentals ...	70 – –	100 – –	63 – –	71 – –
£	280 – –	310 – –	246 – –	240 – –
Plumstead-common and shoulder-of-mutton-green—				
Wages	200 – –	350 – –	188 – –	337 – –
Repairs, &c.	100 – –	200 – –	45 – –	173 – –
Planting and sowing	10 – –	10 – –	5 – –	9 – –
Notice-boards, clothing, and incidentals ...	55 – –	55 – –	55 – –	52 – –
£	365 – –	615 – –	293 – –	571 – –
Wormwood-scrubs—				
Wages	300 – –	400 – –	287 – –	281 – –
Horse-hire, fencing, planting, notice-boards, clothing, &c.	300 – –	85 – –	260 – –	96 – –
£	600 – –	485 – –	547 – –	377 – –
Eel-brook-common and parson's-green £	180 – –)	450 – –	300 – –	133 – –
Brook-green ... ... £	170 – –)			
Victoria, albert, and chelsea embankment gardens—				
Wages	900 – –	940 – –	840 – –	928 – –
Alterations and improvements	200 – –	200 – –	...	...
Planting and sowing	20 – –	50 – –	19 – –	19 – –
Repairs to fences, implements, &c.	200 – –	200 – –	171 – –	361 – –
Police attendance	350 – –	350 – –	333 – –	333 – –
Notice-boards, clothing, and incidentals ...	170 – –	170 – –	170 – –	167 – –
Water	20 – –	25 – –	18 – –	18 – –
£	1,860 – –	1,935 – –	1,551 – –	1,826 – –
Leicester-square-garden—				
Wages	80 – –	85 – –	76 – –	84 – –
Repairs, implements, planting, &c.	120 – –	70 – –	101 – –	86 – –
Police attendance	215 – –	215 – –	215 – –	213 – –
Gas and water	240 – –	130 – –	234 – –	130 – –
£	655 – –	500 – –	626 – –	513 – –
Peckham - rye - common, nunhead - green, goose-green, &c.	500 – –	400 – –	480 – –	52 – –
General incidentals, including salaries, &c., of officers engaged generally on Parks and open spaces service, and of Superintendents of Parks, &c., and wages and clothing, &c., of Relief Constables	1,800 – –	1,000 – –	1,720 – –	1,020 – –
Extra expenditure under any of the foregoing heads	500 – –	500 – –	...	...
Total ... ... £	19,760 – –	19,120 – –	17,801 – –	17,338 – –

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TESTING GAS AND GAS METERS; PETROLEUM; SUBWAYS; CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS), SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND EXPLOSIVES; AND INFANT LIFE PROTECTION.

Service.	1884. Estimate.	1883. Estimate.	1883. Approximate result.	1882. Expenditure and receipt (actual).
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GAS TESTING—				
Examiners' salaries	1,250 – –	920 – –	1,183 – –	1,000 – –
Apparatus, chemicals, cleaning offices, &c. ...	430 – –	250 – –	275 – –	310 – –
	1,680 – –	1,170 – –	1,458 – –	1,310 – –
Less, returns from gas companies ...	180 – –	165 – –	179 – –	195 – –
£	1,500 – –	1,005 – –	1,279 – –	1,115 – –
GAS-METER TESTING—				
Salaries and wages	2,000 – –	2,000 – –	2,002 – –	1,990 – –
Coals and coke, gas, rent, rates and taxes, repairs, &c.	650 – –	620 – –	663 – –	937 – –
	2,650 – –	2,620 – –	2,665 – –	2,927 – –
Fees for testing meters	2,770 – –	2,940 – –	2,769 – –	3,039 – –
Surplus ... . £	120 – –	320 – –	104 – –	112 – –
INSPECTION OF SUBWAYS—				
Inspector's wages and incidentals	92 – –	95 – –	92 – –	92 – –
Less, returns from gas companies ...	47 – –	47 – –	47 – –	47 – –
£	45 – –	48 – –	45 – –	45 – –
CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT—				
Compensation	4,000 – –	5,200 – –	3,850 – –	4,132 – –
Inspectors' allowances, salaries, advertisements, &c.	1,700 – –	1,700 – –	1,631 – –	1,751 – –
	5,700 – –	6,900 – –	5,481 – –	5,883 – –
Less, returns for carcases	1,000 – –	1,800 – –	942 – –	2,168 – –
£	4,700 – –	5,100 – –	4,539 – –	3,715 – –
PETROLEUM LICENSES AND TESTING— *	...	570 – –	150 – –	570 – –
SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1874 (less registration fees receivable) ... ... and EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES ACT, 1875 ... ... £	1,120 – –	1,050 – –	1,121 – –	1,117 – –
INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT—				
Inspector's salary, advertisements, &c. ...	170 – –	170 – –	170 – –	169 – –

* This service is now performed by Officers in the Clerk's and Chemical Departments, the examination of places of storage, &c., being undertaken by Inspectors of Slaughterhouses, the estimated cost of the three services, in respect of the Clerk's and Chemical Departments is £200 per annum, and in the apportionment of Precepts, the City of London will be relieved from contributing towards the cost.

THEATRES AND MUSIC HALLS; AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURES.

Service.	1884. Estimate.	1883. Estimate.	1883. Approximate result.	1882. Expenditure and receipt (actual)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
THEATRES AND MUSIC-HALLS—				
Surveyors' wages and other charges	1,600 – –	2,000 – –	1,689 – –	172 – –
DANGEROUS STRUCTURES—				
Salaries and wages, &c.	1,300 – –	1,400 – –	1,324 – –	1,304 – –
Fees for summonses and orders, travelling expenses, &c.	460 – –	400 – –	352 – –	463 – –
Hoarding and shoring	1,700 – –	1,510 – –	1,237 – –	1,711 – –
Surveyors' fees	3,380 – –	2,915 – –	2,252 – –	3,383 – –
	6,840 – –	6,225 – –	5,165 – –	6,861 – –
Less, returns	5,525 – –	5,285 – –	4,023 – –	5,525 – –
£	1,315 – –	940 – –	1,142 – –	1,336 – –

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ESTABLISHMENT AND ORDINARY LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY CHARGES.

(For statement of total Establishment, see next page).

Number of Officers whose salaries are not charged to any special account.			Service.	1884. Estimate.	1883. Estimate.	1883. Expenditure. (*approximate.*)	1882. Expenditure.
1884.	1883.	1882.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
			Salaries, wages, &c., not specially chargeable to other accounts—				
			The Chairman	2,000 – –	2,000 – –		
55	54	54	Clerk's department and General service ...	9,384 – –	9,003 – –		
25	25	25	Accountant's department	6,103 – –	5,958 – –	51,180 – –	49,739 – –
63	48	38	Engineer's ,,	15,158 – –	13,075 – –		
30	29	29	Architect's ,,	8,107 – –	8,399 – –		
46	45	44	Solicitor's ,,	10,723 – –	10,368 – –		
2	2	3	Chemical ,,	510 – –	336 – –		
				51,985 – –	49,139 – –		
			Auditor	150 – –	150 – –		
			Law stationers	600 – –	600 – –	1,435 – –	1,753 – –
				52,735 – –	49,889 – –	52,615 – –	51,492 – –
			Less proportion chargeable to special accounts	27,705 – –	26,059 – –	27,705 – –	26,994 – –
			£	25,030 – –	23,830 – –	24,910 – –	24,498 – –
			Ordinary law and parliamentary expenses	12,000 – –	10,000 – –	*13,757 – –	*13,510 – –
			Less proportion chargeable to special accounts	4,200 – –	3,500 – –	4,757 – –	4,729 – –
			£	7,800 – –	6,500 – –	9,000 – –	8,781 – –
			Printing, stationery, lithography, mathematical, instruments, maps, &c. ...	6,500 – –	7,200 – –	6,488 – –	7,571 – –
			Less proportion chargeable to special accounts	2,300 – –	2,500 – –	2,271 – –	2,550 – –
			£	4,200 – –	4,700 – –	4,217 – –	5,021 – –
			Rent, taxes, office repairs and expenses, postage, and petty incidentals... ...	6,300 – –	6,000 – –	6,316 – –	6,129 – –
			Less proportion chargeable to special accounts	2,200 – –	2,100 – –	2,211 – –	2,235 – –
			£	4,100 – –	3,900 – –	4,105 – –	3,894 – –
			Total establishment charges £	41,130 – –	38,930 – –	42,232 – –	42,194 – –

* These sums contain charges in respect of Metropolitan District Railway ventilators and Thames River pollution inquiry.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD 1st JANUARY, 1884.

DEPARTMENTS, &c.	Number of Officers, &c.			Amount of Salaries, &c., per annum.		Chargeable directly to special accounts, not passed through establishment charges.				Charged to establishment charges, and afterwards apportioned.		
						Number.		Account.	Amount.	Number.		Amount.
	Paid quarterly or monthly.	Paid weekly.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Quarterly or monthly.	Weekly.		£ s. d.	Quarterly or monthly.	Weekly.	£ s. d.
THE CHAIRMAN	1	...	1	...	2,000 - -	...	...	...	...	1	...	2,000 - -
CLERK'S DEPARTMENT—												
Office	28	15	43	8,486 - -	...	...	...	...	...	28	15	8,486 - -
Contagious diseases (animals) ...	...	1	1	91 - -	...	...	1	General	91 - -	...	...	...
					8,577 - -							
ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT—												
Office	24	1	25	6,103 - -	...	...	...	...	...	24	1	6,103 - -
Dangerous structures	...	2	2	109 - -	...	...	2	General	109 - -	...	...	...
					6,212 - -							
ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT—												
Office	29	34	63	15,158 - -	...	...	...	...	...	29	34	15,158 - -
Pumping stations	7	123	130	10,985 - -	...	7	123	General	10,985 - -	...	...	...
Sluice and flap-keepers	5	35	40	3,144 - -	...	5	35	do.	3,144 - -	...	...	...
Clerks of works, &c.	...	2	2	328 - -	...	...	2	do.	328 - -	...	...	...
Flushing inspectors, foremen and men	5	144	149	10,714 - -	...	5	144	do.	10,714 - -	...	...	...
Embankments	...	3	3	337 - -	...	...	3	do.	337 - -	...	...	...
Main drainage	...	23	23	3,234 - -	...	...	23	M. D.	3,234 - -	...	...	...
Bridges	1	12	13	2,290 - -	...	1	12	Various	2,290 - -	...	...	...
Thames floods prevention ...	...	6	6	944 - -	...	...	6	T. F. P.	944 - -	...	...	...
Wormwood-scrubs	...	1	1	164 - -	...	...	1	Gen. Cap.	164 - -	...	...	...
					47,298 - -							
SUPERINTENDING ARCHITECT'S [DEPARTMENT—												
Building act and improvements	23	7	30	8,107 - -	...	...	...	...	...	23	7	8,107 - -
Watchmen	...	7	7	567 - -	...	...	7	C. L. F.	567 - -	...	...	...
Fire brigade stations, &c. ...	3	6	9	1,786 - -	...	3	6	Fire Brigade	1,786 - -	...	...	...
Theatres, &c.	1	7	8	1,697 - -	...	1	7	General	1,697 - -	...	...	...
Dangerous structures	6	1	7	1,095 - -	...	6	1	do.	1,095 - -	...	...	...
					13,252 - -							
SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT	36	10	46	...	10,723 - -	...	...	...	...	36	10	10,723 - -
CHEMICAL DEPARTMENT	2	1	3	...	728 - -	2	1	General	728 - -	...	...	...
GENERAL SERVICE	3	9	12	...	898 - -	...	...	...	...	3	9	898 - -
FIRE BRIGADE	6	685	691	...	54,962 - -	6	685	Fire Brigade	54,962 - -	...	...	...
GAS-METER TESTING	3	17	20	...	1,972 - -	3	17	General	1,972 - -	...	...	...
GAS TESTING	10	1	11	...	1,242 - -	10	1	do.	1,242 - -	...	...	...
INSPECTION OF SUBWAYS	...	1	1	...	91 - -	...	1	do.	91 - -	...	...	...
INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES ...	9	...	9	...	1,350 - -	9	...	do.	1,350 - -	...	...	...
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	4	151	155	...	10,872 - -	4	150	do.	10,709 - -	...	...	...
						...	1	Parks, &c.	163 - -	...	...	...
Do. NEW ROADS	...	2	2	...	125 - -	...	2	General	125 - -	...	...	...
INFANT LIFE PROTECTION	1	...	1	...	150 - -	1	...	do.	150 - -	...	...	...
NEW IMPROVEMENTS	...	3	3	...	614 - -	...	3	New Impts	614 - -	...	...	...
STREETS (ACT OF 1877)	...	7	7	...	1,573 - -	...	7	S. I., 1877	1,573 - -	...	...	...
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	...	16	16	...	1,340 - -	...	16	D. H. I. F.	1,340 - -	...	...	...
	207	1,333	1,540	£	163,979 - -	63	1,257	£	112,504 - -	144	76	51,475 - -
						1,320				220		

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COMPENSATION AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES TO LATE OFFICERS, &c.

No. of Persons.			To whom granted.	1884.	1883.		1882.
1884	1883	1882		Estimate.	Estimate.	Expenditure.	Expenditure.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
11	10	7	Officers of the Board ...	1,320 – –	1,260 – –	1,230 – –	1,212 – –
1	1	1	Officers of late Metropolitan Buildings office	90 – –	90 – –	90 – –	90 – –
12	11	8		1,410 – –	1,350 – –	1,320 – –	1,302 – –

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

SURPLUS IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR **1882.**

Net Assets on the General Working Account of the Board on 31st December, 1882 ...	£101,517	6 9
Deduct surplus of 1881, surrendered in 1883	7,212	1 9
	£94,305	5 –
Charges admitted after that date, as appertaining to 1882	34,063	18 4
Net balance, after defraying expenses for the year 1882	£60,241	6 8
SURPLUS, being the sum by which the balance exceeds £60,000, which is the working balance of the General account	£241	6 8

NOTE.—The surplus in respect of the year 1881 brought into account in reduction of Estimate for 1883 was £7,212 1 9

FIRE

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS which will become due from INSURANCE COMPANIES towards the Expense of Maintaining the METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE for the year 1884.

No.	Name of Insurance Company.	Business done in the year 1882, as per certified Returns in form prescribed by the Board.	Amount of Yearly Contributions at £35 per million.
		£	£ s. d.
1	Alliance	19,027,317	665 19 –
2	Atlas	21,874,106	765 12 –
3	Co-operative	121,157	4 4 8
4	Caledonian	1,250,000	43 15 –
5	Church of England	1,477,631	51 14 4
6	Commercial Union	22,135,760	774 15 –
7	City of London	3,097,737	108 8 4
8	County	35,803,280	1,253 2 4
9	Emperor	364,260	12 15 –
10	Equitable	1,703,000	59 12 –
11	Essex and Suffolk	9,460	– 6 8
12	General	12,424,422	434 17 4
13	Guardian	19,970,167	698 19 –
14	Hand-in-Hand	13,949,000	488 4 4
15	Imperial	30,735,408	1,075 15 –
16	Kent	2,963,214	103 14 4
17	Lancashire	7,243,000	253 10 –
18	Law	47,568,677	1,664 18 –
19	Law Union	8,805,563	308 3 8
20	Lion (and Britannia)	1,783,968	62 8 8
21	Liverpool and London and Globe ...	37,231,352	1,303 2 –
22	London	20,160,448	705 12 4
23	London and Lancashire	8,292,965	290 5 –
24	Magdeburg	555,176	19 8 8
25	Manchester	5,972,607	209 1 –
26	Manchester and London	50,000	1 15 –
27	Midland Counties	310,066	10 17 –
28	Millers' and General	46,300	1 12 4
29	Mutual	3,142,670	110 – –
30	National	3,290,197	115 3 –
31	National of Ireland	1,000,000	35 – –
32	Netherlands	6,000	– 4 –
33	North British and Mercantile ...	43,205,950	1,512 4 –
34	Northern	13,728,989	480 10 4
35	Norwich Equitable...	148,421	5 3 8
36	Norwich Union	10,613,882	371 9 8
37	Patriotic	1,000	– – 8
38	Phœnix	68,959,943	2,413 12 –
39	Primitive Methodists	61,300	2 3 –
40	Queen	8,750,000	306 5 –
41	Royal	33,414,454	1,169 10 4
42	Royal Exchange	29,917,688	1,047 2 4
43	Royal Farmers	1,762,658	61 13 8
44	Salop	45,770	1 12 –
45	Scottish Metropolitan	269,865	9 8 8
46	Scottish Imperial Alliance	1,483,575	51 18 8
47	Scottish Provincial...	1,250,000	43 15 –
48	Scottish Union and National ...	5,609,506	196 6 8
49	Shropshire and North Wales ...	32,952	1 3 –
50	Standard (Belfast Branch)	2,528,419	88 9 8
51	Sun	77,180,608	2,701 6 8
52	Union	21,720,392	760 4 4
53	Westminster	26,890,899	941 3 8
54	West of England	6,304,974	220 13 4
55	Yorkshire	792,749	27 15 –
56	Brighton and Sussex	20,500	– 14 4
57	Building Society and General ...	10,800	– 7 8
58	Fire Insurance	6,226,412	217 18 8
59	London and North Western ...	148,427	5 4 –
60	London and Provincial	2,585,000	90 9 8
61	Svea of Gothenburg	20,350	– 14 –
62	Hamburg Bremen	78,550	2 15 –
63	Realm	42,400	1 9 8
64	Star Bowkett and General	95,800	3 7 –
65	Era Industrial	448,000	15 13 8
		£696,715,141	£24,385 – –

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BRIGADE.

ESTIMATE for the YEAR **1884** of WORKING EXPENSES of the FIRE BRIGADE.

(*Exclusive of Interest on Money borrowed, which is provided for in the Consolidated Loans Fund.*)

Estimate 1884.			1883. Estimate.	1883. Approximate Result.	1882. Expenditure and Income.
AMOUNTS PAYABLE—					
Staff—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and wages	56,000 – –		54,880 – –	54,852 – –	52,426 – –
Men's clothing	5,500 – –		6,350 – –	5,903 – –	4,878 – –
Pensions	2,430 – –		2,070 – –	2,217 – –	2,150 – –
Medical officers	700 – –		700 – –	645 – –	744 – –
		64,630 – –			
Stations—					
Maintenance	6,000 – –		6,000 – –	4,975 – –	6,518 – –
Rents (less amount deducted from men's wages)	1,900 – –		2,260 – –	1,966 – –	1,925 – –
Rates, taxes, insurance, and gas ...	7,100 – –		6,600 – –	7,087 – –	6,330 – –
		15,000 – –			
Engines, fuel, &c.—					
Maintenance of engines, floats, and escapes	10,000 – –		9,000 – –	9,642 – –	10,167 – –
Horse-hire	10,000 – –		10,000 – –	9,666 – –	9,585 – –
Coals, coke, oil, &c.	5,000 – –		5,000 – –	4,984 – –	4,813 – –
Telegraph hire	3,000 – –		3,000 – –	2,740 – –	2,483 – –
Fire-plug indicators	1,500 – –		1,600 – –	2,195 – –	1,580 – –
		29,500 – –			
Miscellaneous—					
Expenses at fires	2,300 – –		2,100 – –	2,305 – –	2,368 – –
Establishment charges	1,500 – –		1,300 – –	1,447 – –	1,371 – –
Incidentals (including stationery, printing, travelling and petty disbursements)	2,600 – –		2,500 – –	2,596 – –	2,075 – –
Summonses and part expenses of collecting chimney-fire penalties	200 – –		200 – –	194 – –	194 – –
		6,600 – –			
Extra expenditure under any of the foregoing heads	...	3,000 – –	3,000 – –	...	...
		118,730 – –	116,560 – –	113,414 – –	109,607 – –
Deficiency in Respect of former Years	...	21,660 – –	12,435 – –	15,528 – –	
		140,390 – –	128,995 – –	128,942 – –	
Amount not raised owing to limitation in Act of Parliament	...	30,913 12 10	21,738 3 8		
		109,476 7 2	107,256 16 4		
AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE—					
Contributions—					
H.M. Government	10,000 – –		10,000 – –	10,000 – –	10,000 – –
Insurance offices	24,385 – –		23,735 – –	23,735 – –	23,005 – –
Ex-metropolitan fires	100 – –		100 – –	91 – –	40 – –
Watching premises	2,100 – –		2,000 – –	2,039 – –	2,016 – –
Chimney-fire penalties	900 – –		900 – –	859 – –	840 – –
Miscellaneous	100 – –		100 – –	136 – –	60 – –
		37,585 – –	36,835 – –	36,860 – –	35,961 – –
Net cost, defrayed by rate	...	...	70,421 16 4	92,082 – –	73,646 – –
Amounts raised on precept in prior years	...	...	...	70,422 – –	69,176 – –
Amount to be raised for 1884, being the produce of a halfpenny rate upon the "gross value of the property assessed to the Metropolitan Consolidated rate"	...	£ 71,891 7 2			

GROSS AND RATEABLE VALUE OF PRO rd of Works, with exemptions under the Acts 38 and 39 Vic., c. 33, and 27 and 28 Vic., c. 268, ct of 1869 ; and from the County Rate Bases of the Metropolitan Counties, &c. December,

PARISHES, DISTRICTS, &c.	As per Valu wing Corrected (o	Increases since December, 1882. Amounts marked (—) are Decreases.	Percentage each Parish.	Government Property.	
	Gross Valu able	Rateable Value.		Included in Valuation List. Rateable Value.	Excluded from Valuation List. Rateable Value.
	£ £				
City of London	4,198,8 3,996	6,200	12·21	29,352	946
St. Marylebone	1,674,4 8,536	6,005	4·86		3,148
St. Pancras	1,787,1 6,119	17,768	5·17	250	1,602
Lambeth	1,634,0 1,373	26,005	4·62		1,123
St. George, Hanover Square	2,015,4 7,688	2,503	5·86		5,602
St. Mary, Islington	1,846,8 8,334	33,948	5·28		3,283
St. Leonard, Shoreditch... ...	725,8 6,135	4,312	2·04	240	
Paddington	1,454,6 1,698	16,102	4·24	635	
St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	455,8 7,747	3,411	1·28	73	200
St. Mary, Newington, Surrey	510,5 0,834	6,410	1·42		550
Camberwell	1,096,0 7,226	39,201	3·08	190	260
St. James, Westminster	803,1 0,258	3,359	2·33	13,660	
St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell ...	398,3 1,830	3,260	1·15	3,113	
Chelsea	606,8 1,635	22,104	1·78	9,434	
St. Mary Abbott, Kensington	2,045,5 0,935	45,515	5·94	5,976	
St. Luke, Middlesex	336,8 5,045	(—) 218	·96	690	
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark ...	299,0 5,147	8,255	·85		650
Bermondsey	474,0 1,292	(—) 1,624	1·36		
St. George-in-the-East	246,4 9,448	(—) 304	·69	300	
St. Martin-in-the-Fields	496,1 4,318	16,209	1·44	19,930	
Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town	431,9 8,655	1,142	1·18	166	
Woolwich	165,2 0,559	(—) 593	·41		190
Rotherhithe	247,1 8,601	3,630	·69		40,461
St. John, Hampstead	559,6 5,429	29,063	1·62		215
					113
	20,311,2 8,842	285,403	58·25	54,657	57,497
Whitechapel District — St. Mary, Whitechapel (excluding that part in the City) ...	201,7 6,382	(—) 1,571	·57	450	
Whitechapel District — Christchurch, Spitalfields ...	95,8 8,755	820	·27		
Whitechapel District — St. Botolph Without, Aldgate (see also City)	53,4 4,501	(—) 1,495	·15	4,250	
Whitechapel District — Holy Trinity, Minories ...	10,6 8,835		·03		
Whitechapel District — Precinct of St. Katherine ...	21,2 7,706		·06		
Whitechapel District — Hamlet of Mile-end New-town ...	35,7 8,435	294	·09		
Whitechapel District — Liberty of Norton Folgate ...	13,8 1,372	351	·04		
Whitechapel District — Old Artillery Ground	9,9 8,240		·03		
Whitechapel District — District of the Tower	5,7 4,790	(—) 393	·01		
	448,1 9,016	(—) 1,994	1.25	4,700	
Westmr. District. — St. Margaret	737,9 4,606	9,169	2·14	1,594	46,892
Greenwich District — St. Paul, Deptford (including Hatcham)	462,8 6,407	6,744	1·31		6,787
Greenwich District — St. Nicholas, Deptford	58,0 5,337	1,131	·16		2,200
Greenwich District — Greenwich	279,7 0,631	6,596	·76		9,125
	800,6 2,375	14,471	2·23		18,112
Wandsworth District — Clapham	285,3 0,310	4,291	·80		80
Wandsworth District — Tooting Graveney	26,5 0,601	1,793	·07		
Wandsworth District — Streatham	246,3 9,193	18,294	·69		
Wandsworth District — St. Mary Battersea (including Penge)	676,7 7,408	29,385	1·87	20	140
Wandsworth District — Wandsworth	225,4 6,117	5,460	·61		1,506
Wandsworth District — Putney (including Rochampton)...	152,5 7,548	4,578	·41	271	90
	1,612,9 1,177	63,801	4·45	291	1,816
Hackney District — Hackney	1,020,3 6,161	18,153	2·87		92
Hackney District — St. Mary, Stoke Newington ...	187,6 3,103	3.482	·54		
	1,207,9 9,264	21,635	3·41		92
St. Giles District — St. Giles-in-the-Fields	436,7 5,311	3,105	1·27		3367
St. Giles District — St. George, Bloomsbury ...					
Holborn District — St. Andrew, Holborn above Bars...	213,8 7,196	181	·62	800	
Holborn District — St. George-the-Martyr					
Holborn District — St. Sepulchre Middlesex ...	50,3 2,647	404	·15	234	
Holborn District — Saffron Hill, &c. (excluding that part in the City) ...	81,8 6,505	3,346	·23	50	
Holborn District — Liberty of Glasshouse Yard (excluding that part in the City)	10,3 8,604	(—) 75	0.3		
	356,3 4,952	3,856	1·03	1,084	
Carried forward	30,111,1 29,539	425,646	86 24	91,678	128,724

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GROSS AND RATEABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY within the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, with exemptions under the Acts 38 and 39 Vic., c. 33, and 27 and 28 Vic., c. 268, as taken from the Valuation Lists prepared under the Act of 1869; and from the County Rate Bases of the Metropolitan Counties, &c. December, 1883.

PARISHES, DISTRICTS, &c.	As per Valuation List, April, 1883. Corrected (on appeal) to 30th Oct., 1883.		Exemptions under Acts 38 and 39 Vict. c., 33, and 27 and 28 Vict., c. 268.		Annual Value, after allowing Exemptions.		Increases since December, 1882. Amounts marked (—) are Decreases.	Percentage each Parish.	Government Property.	
	Gross Value.	Rateable Value.	Gross Value.	Rateable Value.	Gross.	Rateable	Rateable Value.		Included in Valuation List. Rateable Value.	Excluded from Valuation List. Rateable Value.
	£	£	£	£	£	£				
City of London	4,198,892	3,556,637		42,641	4,198,892	3,513,996	6,200	12·21	29,352	948
St. Marylebone	1,674,448	1,398,536			1,674,448	1,398,536	6,005	4·86		3,148
St. Pancras	1,787,183	1,488,397	2,448	2,278	1,784,735	1,486,119	17,768	5·17	250	1,602
Lambeth	1,634,031	1,333,665	2,363	2,292	1,631,668	1,331,373	26,005	4·62		1,123
St. George, Hanover Square	2,015,421	1,687,688			2,015,421	1,687,688	2,503	5·86		5,602
St. Mary, Islington	1,846,861	1,519,384	1,134	1,050	1,845,727	1,518,334	33,948	5·28		3,283
St. Leonard, Shoreditch...	725,818	586,135			725,818	586,135	4,312	2·04	240	
Paddington	1,454,640	1,222,137	471	439	1,454,169	1,221,698	16,102	4·24	635	
St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	455,808	367,747			455,808	367,747	3,411	1·28	73	
St. Mary, Newington, Surrey	510,505	410,834			510,505	410,834	6,410	1·42		200
Camberwell	1,096,092	890,670	3,665	3,444	1,092,427	887,226	39,201	3·08	190	550
St. James, Westminster	803,120	670,258			803,120	670,258	3,359	2·33	13,660	260
St. James and St. John, Clerkenwell ...	398,351	331,830			398,351	331,830	3,260	1·15	3,113	
Chelsea	606,812	511,635			606,812	511,635	22,104	1·78	9,434	
St. Mary Abbott, Kensington	2,045,500	1,711,495	588	560	2,044,912	1,710,935	45,515	5·94	5,976	
St. Luke, Middlesex	336,894	275,045			336,894	275,045	(—) 218	·96	690	
St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark ...	299,068	245,297	150	150	298,918	245,147	8,255	·85		650
Bermondsey	474,008	391,292			474,008	391,292	(—) 1,624	1·36		
St. George-in-the-East	246,479	199,448			246,479	199,448	(—) 304	·69	300	
St. Martin-in-the-Fields	496,156	414,318			496,156	414,318	16,209	1·44	19,930	
Hamlet of Mile-end Old-town	431,987	338,655			431,987	338,655	1,142	1·18	166	
Woolwich	165,261	123,076	3,445	2,517	161,816	120,559	(—) 593	·41		190
Rotherhithe	247,169	199,383	861	782	246,308	198,601	3,630	·69		40,461
St. John, Hampstead	559,682	468,171	2,979	2,742	556,703	465,429	29,003	1·62		215
	20,311,294	16,785,096	18,104	16,254	20,293,190	16,768,842	285,403	58·25	54.657	57,497
Whitechapel District — St. Mary, Whitechapel (excluding that part in the City) ...	201,747	166,382			201,747	166,382	(—) 1,571	·57	450	
Whitechapel District — Christchurch, Spitalfields ...	95,832	78,755			95,832	78,755	820	·27		
Whitechapel District — St. Botolph Without, Aldgate (see also City)	53,482	44,501			53,482	44,501	(—) 1,495	·15	4,250	
Whitechapel District — Holy Trinity, Minories ...	10,626	8,835			10,626	8,835		·03		
Whitechapel District — Precinct of St. Katherine ...	21,239	17,706			21,239	17,706		·06		
Whitechapel District — Hamlet of Mile-end New-town ...	35,712	28,435			35,712	28,435	294	·09		
Whitechapel District — Liberty of Norton Folgate ...	13,851	11,372			13,851	11,372	351	·04		
Whitechapel District — Old Artillery Ground	9,941	8,240			9,941	8,240		·03		
Whitechapel District — District of the Tower	5,721	4,790			5,721	4,790	(—) 393	·01		
	448,151	369,016			448,151	369,016	(—) 1,994	1.25	4,700	
Westmr. District. — St. Margaret	737,949	614,606			737,949	614,606	9,169	2·14	1,594	46.892
Westmr. District. — St. John the Evangelist... ...										
Greenwich District. — St. Paul, Deptford (including Hatcham)	462,856	377,539	1,195	1,132	461,661	376,407	6,744	1·31		6,787
Greenwich District. — St. Nicholas, Deptford	58,012	45,337			58,012	45,337	1,131	·16		2,200
Greenwich District. — Greenwich	279,750	222,272	1,708	1,641	278,042	220,631	6,596	·76		9.125
	800,618	645,148	2,903	2,773	797,715	642,375	14.471	2·23		18,112
Wandsworth District. — Clapham	285,345	232,905	2,782	2,595	282,563	230,310	4,291	·80		80
Wandsworth District. — Tooting Graveney	26,521	21,457	936	856	25,585	20,601	1,793	·07		
Wandsworth District. — Streatham	246,337	203,595	4,734	4,402	241,603	199,193	18,294	·69		
Wandsworth District. — St. Mary Battersea (including Penge)	676,797	538,931	1,760	1,523	675,037	537,408	29,385	1·87	20	140
Wandsworth District. — Wandsworth	225,423	180,973	5,172	4,856	220,251	176,117	5,460	·61		1,506
Wandsworth District. — Putney (including Rochampton)...	152,567	125,354	9,172	7,806	143,395	117,548	4,578	·41	271	90
	1,612,990	1,303,215	24,556	22,038	1,588,434	1,281,177	63,801	4·45	291	1,816
Hackney District — Hackney	1,020,309	837,902	13,496	11,741	1,006,813	826,161	18,153	2·87		92
Hackney District — St. Mary, Stoke Newington ...	187,626	153,905	944	802	186,682	153,103	3.482	·54		
	1,207,935	991,807	14,440	12,543	1,193,495	979,264	21,635	3·41		92
St. Giles District — St. Giles-in-the-Fields	436,725	365,311			436,725	365,311	3,105	1·27		3367
St. Giles District — St. George, Bloomsbury ...										
Holborn District — St. Andrew, Holborn above Bars...	213,885	177,196			213,885	177,196	181	·62	800	
Holborn District — St. George-the-Martyr										
Holborn District — St. Sepulchre Middlesex ...	50,511	42,647			50,511	42,647	404	·15	234	
Holborn District — Saffron Hill, &c. (excluding that part in the City) ...	81,814	66,505			81,814	66,505	3,346	·23	50	
Holborn District — Liberty of Glasshouse Yard (excluding that part in the City)	10,348	8,604			10,348	8,604	(—) 75	0.3		
	356,558	294,952			356,558	294,952	3,856	1·03	1.084	
Carried forward	30,111,112	24,925,788	60,003	96,249	30,051,109	24,829,539	425,646	86 24	91,678	128,724

PARISHES, DISTRICTS, &c.	As Co	ng for ble.	Increases since Dec. 1882. Amounts marked (—) are Decreases. Rateable Value.	Percentage each Parish.	Government Property. Included in Valuation List. Rateable Value.	Government Property. Excluded from Valuation List. Rateable Value.
	£	£	£			
Brought forward	3	,539	425,646	86·24	91,678	128,724
Strand District: St. Anne, Soho		,663	(—) 6,665	·40	134	
St. Paul, Covent Garden ...		,182	3,518	·31	2,053	
Precinct of the Savoy		,205		·06	1,000	
St. Mary-le-Strand		,190	162	·13	6,000	
St. Clement Danes		,866	1,855	·51	10,877	
Liberty of the Rolls		,373	920	·12	6,424	
		,479	(—) 210	1·53	26,488	
Fulham District: St. Peter and St. Paul, Hammersmith		,649	23,620	1·39	671	
Fulham		,869	32,048	·82	739	
		,518	55,668	2·21	1,410	
Limehouse District: St. Anne, Limehouse		,419	952	·46		
St. John, Wapping		,666	2,809	·26	230	
St. Paul, Shadwell		,856	709	·19		
Hamlet of Ratcliff		,996	890	·22		
		,937	5,360	1·13	230	
Poplar District: All Saints, Poplar		,867	(—) 632	1.17	247	
St. Mary, Stratford-le-Bow ...		,184	2,474	·50		17
St. Leonard, Bromley		,012	9,147	·74	27	200
		,063	10,989	2·41	274	217
St. Savr's District: Christchurch		,300	1,321	·32		200
St. Saviour (including Liberty of the Clink)		,746	966	·76		150
		,046	2,287	1·08		350
Plumstead District: Charlton, next Woolwich ...		,635	779	·18		1,400
Plumstead		,485	3,110	·31		
Eltham		,470	49	·14	95	64
Lee		,450	3,913	·42		
Kidbrooke		,532	256	·08		2,000
		,572	8,107	1·13	95	1,464
Lewisham District: Lewisham (including Lewisham Chapelry)		,879	16,764	1·40		72
Hamlet of Penge		,560	6,972	·56		
		,439	23,736	1·96		72
St. Olave District: St. Olave		,020	(—) 92	·40	155	
St. Thomas, Southwark ...		,697	832	·05		
St. John, Horselydown ...		,081	(—) 717	·27		
		,798	23	·72	155	
The Charter House		,872	(—) 26	·05		
Gray's Inn		,203		·05	105	
The Close of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter		,393		·01		
Inner Temple		,321		·08	38	
Middle Temple		,311	1,106	·04		
Lincoln's Inn		,800		·06	250	
Staple Inn		,672		·01	834	
Furnival's Inn		,801		01		
TOTAL		,373	1,080	·31	1,227	
		,764	532,686	98·72	121,557	130,827
The District of the Hornsey Local Board (for the purpose of assessment to the Main Drainage portion of the Board's Annual Expenditure; and also for a Main Drainage Rate under 34 and 35 Vict., c. 129.)		,805	27,531	·84		
South Hornsey do.		,740	5,448	·32		
The Beckenham Sewerage District ...		,119	1,679	·12		121,557 Incl.
		,664	34,658	1·28		
TOTAL		,428	567,344	100·00	121,557	252,384

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PARISHES, DISTRICTS, &c.	As per Valuation List, April, 1883. Corrected (on appeal) to 30th Oct., 1883,		Exemptions under Acts 38 & 39 Vict., c. 33, and 27 & 28 Vict., c. 268.		Annual Value, after allowing for exemptions.		Increases since Dec. 1882. Amounts marked (—) are Decreases.	Percentage each Parish.	Government Property.	
	Gross Value.	Rateable Value.	Gross Value.	Rateable Value.	Gross.	Rateable.	Rateable Value.		Included in Valuation List. Rateable Value.	Excluded from Valuation List. Rateable Value.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£			
Brought forward	30,111,112	24,925,788	60,003	96,249	30,051,109	24,829,539	425,646	86·24	91,678	128.724
Strand District — St. Anne, Soho	138,767	115,663			138,767	115,663	(—) 6,665	·40	134	
St. Paul, Covent Garden ...	106,783	89,182			106,783	89,182	3,518	·31	2,053	
Precinct of the Savoy	20,543	17,205			20,543	17,205		·06	1,000	
St. Mary-le-Strand	44,334	37,190			44,334	37,190	162	·13	6,000	
St. Clement Danes	173,209	144,866			173,209	144,866	1,855	·51	10.877	
Liberty of the Rolls	43,640	36,373			43,640	36,373	920	·12	6.424	
	527,276	440,479			527,276	440,479	(—) 210	1·53	26,488	
Fulham District — St. Peter and St. Paul, Hammersmith	488,842	401,082	1,769	1,433	487,073	399,649	23,620	1·39	671	
Fulham	290,626	238,549	3,955	3,680	286,671	234,869	32,048	·82	739	
	779,468	639,631	5,724	5,113	773,744	634,518	55,668	2·21	1,410	
Limehouse District — St. Anne, Limehouse	166,102	131,125	880	706	165,222	130,419	952	·46		
St. John, Wapping	88,078	72,666			88,078	72,666	2,809	·26	230	
St. Paul, Shadwell	70,205	56,856			70,205	56,856	709	·19		
Hamlet of Ratcliff	79,701	63,996			79,701	63,996	890	·22		
	404,086	324,643	880	706	403,206	323,937	5,360	1·13	230	
Poplar District — All Saints, Poplar	457,450	336,867			457,450	336,867	(—) 632	1.17	247	
St. Mary, Stratford-le-Bow ...	182,862	143,184			182,862	143,184	2,474	·50		17
St. Leonard, Bromley	277,673	213,012			277,673	213,012	9,147	·74	27	200
	917,985	693,063			917,985	693,063	10,989	2·41	274	217
St. Savr's District — Christchurch	109,095	90,300			109,095	90,300	1,321	·32		200
St. Saviour (including Liberty of the Clink)	263,988	217,746			263,988	217,746	966	·76		150
	373,083	308,046			373,083	308,046	2,287	1·08		350
Plumstead District — Charlton, next Woolwich ...	66,719	53,269	3,056	2,634	63,663	50,635	779	·18		1,400
Plumstead	124,718	94,985	5,065	4,500	119,653	90,485	3,110	·31		
Eltham	56,282	47,966	6,949	6,496	49,333	41,470	49	·14	95	64
Lee	148,389	123,796	1,452	1,346	146,937	122,450	3,913	·42		
Kidbrooke	25,954	21,572	1,097	1,040	24,857	20,532	256	·08		2,000
	422,062	341,588	17,619	16,016	404,443	325,572	8,107	1·13	95	1,464
Lewisham District — Lewisham (including Lewisham Chapelry)	499,742	410,947	8,524	8,068	491,218	402,879	16,764	1·40		72
Hamlet of Penge	207,177	161,560			207,177	161,560	6,972	·56		
	706,919	572,507	8,524	8,068	698,395	564,439	23,736	1·96		72
St. Olave District — St. Olave	136,952	114,020			136,952	114,020	(—) 92	·40	155	
St. Thomas, Southwark ...	17,603	14,697			17,603	14,697	832	·05		
St. John, Horselydown ...	95,893	77,081			95,893	77,081	(—) 717	·27		
	250,448	205,798			250,448	205,798	23	·72	155	
The Charter House	13,993	11,872			13,993	11,872	(—) 26	·05		
Gray's Inn	18,326	15,203			18,326	15,203		·05	105	
The Close of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter	2,870	2,393			2,870	2,393		·01		
Inner Temple	26,666	22,321			26,666	22,321		·08	38	
Middle Temple	16,026	13,311			16,026	13,311	1,106	·04		
Lincoln's Inn	22,487	18,800			22,487	18,800		·06	250	
Staple Inn	3,229	2,672			3,229	2,672		·01	834	
Furnival's Inn	4,566	3,801			4,566	3,801		01		
TOTAL	108,163	90,373			108,163	90,373	1,080	·31	1,227	
	34,600,602	28,541,916	92,750	126,152	34,507,852	28,415,764	532,686	98·72	121,557	130,827
The District of the Hornsey Local Board (for the purpose of assessment to the Main Drainage portion of the Board's Annual Expenditure; and also for a Main Drainage Rate under 34 and 35 Vict., c. 129.)	264,021	241,805			264,021	241,805	27,531	·84		
South Hornsey do.	112,757	93,740			112,757	93,740	5,448	·32		121,557Incl.
The Beckenham Sewerage District ...	42,597	34,119			42,597	34,119	1,679	·12		
	419,375	369,664			419,375	369,664	34,658	1·28		
TOTAL	35,019,977	28,911,580	92,750	126,152	34,927,227	28,785,428	567,344	100·00	121,557	252,384

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the sums required for the year 1884, in respect of interest on Loans obtained by the Board for General Improvements, prior to the passing of the Loans Act, amounting to £14,764 10s., be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for the liabilities of the Board in respect of interest on the balance of the Loan of £4,200,000 from the Bank of England, for the purposes of the Main Drainage, viz., £581 5s., be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the total Estimate of the sums required by the Board for the year 1884, in respect of interest on Loans of the Board, amounting to £15,345 15s., be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the figures on pages 7 to 18, of the Estimates, relating to the Consolidated Loans Fund, be approved.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimates for the year 1884 of the Consolidated Loans Fund, amounting to £339,362, be approved and adopted; and that £168,474 10s. 6d. be charged for Interest and Sinking Fund of Stock raised for Main Drainage; £22,021 7s. 10d. for Interest and Sinking Fund of Stock raised for Fire Brigade; and £148,866 1s. 8d. for Interest and Sinking Fund on the remainder of the Stock raised for General Improvements, &c.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for Bank management of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, amounting to £8,800, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for Bridge expenses, amounting to £102,715, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, under the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875 (the Dwelling House Improvement Fund), amounting to £68,246, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the sums required by the Board for the year 1884, for works of construction, repairs, cleansing, deodorising, ventilation, and incidental expenses, in connection with the Sewerage of the Metropolis (including the Wages of Inspectors, Flushers, and other men employed by the Board), amounting together to £31,870, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amounts required by the Board for the year 1884, for the working expenses of the Pumping Stations belonging to the Board, viz., £49,805, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amounts required by the Board for the year 1884, for repairs, cleansing, lighting, watering and maintenance of the Thames Embankments, viz., £12,805, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amounts required by the Board for the year 1884, for the maintenance of new roads, &c., at Finsbury-park, viz., £540, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the sums required by the Board for the year 1884, for the maintenance of Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces, viz., £19,760, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for expenses of testing Gas, viz., £1,680, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for the expenses of Gas-meter testing, viz., £2,650, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for expenses in connection with the inspection of Subways, viz., £92, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for expenses under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, viz., £5,700, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for expenses under the Slaughterhouses and Explosive Substances Acts, viz., £1,120, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for expenses under the Infant Life Protection Act, viz., £170, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for expenses connected with arrangements for the safety of Theatres and Music-halls, viz., £1,000, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the amount required by the Board for the year 1884, for expenses in connection with Dangerous Structures, viz., £6,840, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the sums required by the Board for the year 1884, for Salaries, Wages, ordinary Law and Parliamentary expenses, Printing, Stationery, Rent, Taxes, &c., and Compensation and Retiring Allowances to late Officers, amounting (after the deductions specified in the Estimate), to the respective sums of £25,030, £7,800, £4,200, £4,100, and £1,410, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Phillips—That the Estimate of the amount to be raised for the year 1884, for the working expenses of the Fire Brigade, viz., £71,891 7s. 2d., be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the total charge for the year, amounting to £782,932 2s. 2d., less deductions to be made hereafter, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the surplus in respect of the year 1882, amounting to £241 6s. 8d., be allowed in reduction of the Precepts for the year 1884.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the following sums, amounting to £10,522, be deducted from the abovementioned Estimate of £782,932 2s. 2d., viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Gas Companies, expenses returned for testing Gas ...	180	0	0
Fees for testing Gas-meters	2,770	0	0
Petroleum Licenses	500	0	0
Gas Companies, for inspecting Subways	47	0	0
Sale of Carcases under Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act ...	1,000	0	0
Dangerous Structures...	5,525	0	0
Building Act Fees, sale of Plans, &c.	500	0	0
	£10,522	0	0

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimate of the sums required to be raised from the several Parishes, Districts, &c., for the year 1884, amounting to £772,168 15s. 6d., be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Estimates for the Consolidated Loans Fund, the Dwelling House Improvement Fund, and Bridge expenses be submitted to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for their sanction in respect of the charges for debt.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the Statement of Rentals on pages 31 and 32 of the Estimates presented this day, be approved and adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Harben, seconded by Mr. Freeman—That the several sums agreed to this day, for the expenses of the Board for the year 1884, be apportioned on the City of London, and the several Parishes and Parts liable thereto, on the Rentals of the County and other Rates, now presented; and that, in making such apportionment, no part of the expenses connected with the Gas Acts, the Petroleum Acts, the Dangerous Structures Act, the Slaughterhouses, &c., Act, the Explosives Act, the Artizans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, and the Infant Life Protection Act be charged upon the City of London; that such apportionment be submitted to the Board; that, previously thereto, a copy thereof be transmitted to each Member of the Board; that Precepts, in accordance therewith, be prepared; and that the Precepts be made payable in the manner following—viz., one moiety on or before the 1st June, 1884, and the remainder on or before the 2nd December, 1884.

It was moved by Mr. Harben—That the Statement, now submitted, showing the amount in the pound of all Rates raised in the Metropolis (excluding the City of London) for the years 1876, 1878, 1880, and 1882, be printed, and that it be circulated amongst the Members of the Board, and the several Vestries and District Boards.

The motion having been seconded, it was put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

15. It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter from the School Board, notice of which appears in the paper of business, be now read.

The Clerk thereupon read a Letter from Mr. Croad, Clerk to the School Board for London, dated 11th December, 1883, asking this Board to advance to the School Board the sum of £100,000, and stating that as the School Board would hold their last Meeting for this year on the 20th instant, they would be glad to seal the Mortgage-deed on that day.

Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, then brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 14th December, 1883.

Your Committee have, as a matter of urgency, considered a Letter from the School Board for London, dated the 11th instant (and which will be presented to the Board with this Report), requesting that this Board will advance to the School Board the further sum of £100,000 for the purpose of providing or enlarging School-houses. This Board have funds in hand to make the advance, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the School Board for London, for a further Loan of £100,000, for providing or enlarging School-houses, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 31st January, the 31st July, the 31st October, and the 30th April in each year, and the

principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments, on each 31st October, within a period of 50 years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
G. B. RICHARDSON,
CHAS. HARRIS,
JOHN TOLHURST,
DONALD MUNRO.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained thereto, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the School Board for London for a further Loan of £100,000, for providing or enlarging School-houses, be complied with; that the amount be advanced by this Board, out of their General Capital Account, on condition that the Loan be taken up at once, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, payable quarterly, on the 31st January, the 31st July, the 31st October, and the 30th April, in each year, and the principal being re-paid by equal annual instalments on each 31st October, within a period of Fifty years, and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

16. This being the day appointed by the Resolution of the Board of 2nd November last (No. 11), for the consideration of the application of Mrs. Mary Berry, for the assent of the Board to the establishment of a Factory for Explosives (Bon-bon Crackers, &c.) at No. 66, Bandon-road, Victoria-park, Bethnal-green in accordance with the terms of the Draft License approved by the Home Secretary.

Mr. Ingoldby, in the absence of Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 6th November, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have had under consideration an application from Mrs. M. Berry, for the assent of the Board to the establishment of a Factory for Explosives (Toy Fireworks) at No. 66, Bandon-road, Victoria-park, Bethnal-green, in accordance with the terms of the draft License approved by the Home Secretary. Mrs. Berry is a manufacturer of scraps for Bon-bon crackers, and the terms of the draft License embody the precautions for securing the safety of the public which have been considered necessary in similar cases. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the assent of the Board be given to the establishment of the Factory, as applied for by Mrs. Berry.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) FREDK. INGOLDBY,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
JOHN RUNTZ.

The Report having been read and received,

The Clerk reported that the notice required by the Explosives Act had been given, and that he had received no notice of objection to the application mentioned in the Report.

It was moved by Mr. Ingoldby, seconded, and resolved—That the assent of the Board be, and the same is hereby given, to the establishment by Mrs. Mary Berry, of a Factory for Explosives (Toy Fireworks) at No. 66, Bandon-road, Victoria-park, Bethnal-green, subject to the terms of the Draft License approved by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

17. The Board considered the matter of Disagreement between Mr. F. Matcham, Architect, and Mr. G. Lansdown, District Surveyor, relative to the thickness of certain walls of the Elephant and Castle Theatre, in the New Kent-road.

Mr. Matcham and Mr. Lansdown attended the Board.

Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 11th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the matter of Disagreement between Mr. G. Lansdown, District Surveyor, and Mr. F. Matcham, relative to the construction of portions of the Box-saloon at the Elephant and Castle Theatre, in New Kent-road, which has been submitted to the Board for their determination, in accordance with the 30th Section of the Building Act, referred by the Board on the 7th instant (No. 63). The Disagreement arises out of certain works which were required by the Board to be done, by a Notice served upon the Owner, under the provisions of the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878. The Board required that the floor of the Box-saloon, which extends over a portion of the entrance vestibule leading out of New Kent-road, should be constructed of fire-resisting materials, and this has been done in concrete and iron. The wall enclosing the vestibule on the East side, upon which a portion of this floor is carried, is 9 inches in thickness. The District Surveyor considers that thickness insufficient, and requires that the wall shall be made 14 inches in thickness. The Surveyor to the Owner points out that the floor has a bearing in the centre on a longitudinal iron girder, resting on the end walls, and supported in the centre by a solid iron column, so that the side walls are relieved of one-half of the weight of the floor. The District Surveyor further objects to the small size of the stone templates (which are 9 inches by 6 inches) under the ends of the cross girders carrying the floor. Your Committee, having carefully considered the points in dispute, beg to report that in their opinion the wall enclosing the vestibule on the East side, upon which a portion of the floor of the Box-saloon is carried, is sufficiently thick for the purpose; and that the stone templates under the ends of the iron girders carrying the floor may be approved.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO,
WM. DEBENHAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report having been read and received,

Mr. Matcham and Mr. Lansdown were then heard, and the Board having considered their statements,

It was moved by Mr Shepherd, and seconded—That the wall enclosing the vestibule on the East side of the Theatre, and upon which a portion of the floor of the Box-saloon is carried, and also the stone templates under the ends of the iron girders carrying the floor, be approved.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Selway, and seconded by Mr. Edwards—That the further consideration of the subject be deferred until the Meeting of the Board on the 4th January next, and that meantime the Report of the Committee be referred back to them for further consideration.

The amendment having been put to the vote, there were for it 14, against it 9, and it was declared by the Chairman to be carried, and having been put as an original motion it was also carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

18. Mr. Phillips, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 11th December, 1883.

Your Committee have considered the further Letter from the Saint Olave's District Board, referred by the Board on the 7th instant, on the subject of the proceedings of the Fire Brigade at the recent fire at Butler's Wharf. The Letter states that the District Board is still unable to agree with the conclusions arrived at by the Board, that it adhers to the belief that the Board has been misinformed, and that it is desirable that a further enquiry should be made. Your Committee having fully enquired into all the statements made by the District Board and reported upon them, are unable to see that any advantage would arise from making a further enquiry, as suggested by the District Board. They accordingly recommend—

That the Saint Olave District Board be informed that the Board sees no reason to alter the views expressed in its previous communications to the District Board, but that if the latter has any further facts to bring under the notice of the Board they shall be duly considered.

The Chief Officer has made a Report to your Committee upon the special merits of two Firemen, whom he considers worthy to receive the silver Medal for extraordinary bravery. It appears that Thomas Stoneman, a Third-class Fireman, and William Gordon, a Fourth-class Fireman, were on duty with a Hose-cart and a Fire-escape in Goswell-road, on the evening of the 28th ultimo, when they were called to a fire at a shop in Fann-street. Gordon at once proceeded thither with the Fire-escape, followed by Stoneman with the Hose-cart, and on arriving at the fire they found the lower part of the house well alight. The Chief Officer states that the Firemen were greatly hampered in their movements by the crowd, but that as quickly as possible the Escape was pitched at the Second floor window at which a woman was seen. Gordon ascended the Escape, followed by Stoneman, and the woman handed out a child who was put in the shoot of the Escape and assisted down. Gordon had then to get into the room to rescue the woman, who had fallen back, and he picked her up and passed her down the shoot of the Escape; but before he could get down himself he was overcome by the intense heat, and fell back unconscious. Stoneman, who was close behind, caught him as he was falling, and brought him down the Escape. Gordon was burned on the hands, and his face was scorched; and Stoneman's right hand was blistered. The Chief Officer states that, after full investigation, he is of opinion that the two Firemen displayed extraordinary bravery, and that their conduct is highly to be commended. Your Committee having considered all the circumstances, and heard the Chief Officer's explanations, agree with the opinion expressed by him; and they accordingly recommend—

That the conduct of Thomas Stoneman and William Gordon be rewarded by the grant to them of the Silver Medal for bravery.

William H. Morrell, a Fourth-class Fireman, has been reported for neglecting to return to duty after absence on leave had been granted to him. Your Committee recommend—

That he be dismissed.

Your Committee have to report that Second-class Fireman Charles M. Cathrall and Fourth-class Firemen Frederick G. Hogsden and John R. Caddick have withdrawn from the service, and that their names have accordingly been removed from the list of Firemen.

Your Committee recommend the following promotions, viz., Third-class Firemen Isaac G. Read and Albert Cotton to the Second-class; and Fourth-class Firemen John Freeman, John Tuytel, and William Dyter to the Third Class.

Your Committee further recommend—

That Henry Girault, David Evans, Edmund Barry, James Samworth, Joseph Pittaway, Alfred J. Jones, Alfred J. Allison, and Edward J. Carroll be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen to fill vacancies.

Your Committee have to report, for the information of the Board, that Frederick Fisher, formerly an Engineer in the Brigade, who, on the 21st October, 1881, was discharged with a pension of £1 3s. 10d. a week, died on the 3rd instant.

The Board, on the 30th April, 1880, granted to the widow of Patrick Fitzgerald, a Fourth-class Fireman, who was killed at a fire in Somers-town, an allowance of £1 a-week. Your Committee have now to report that Mrs. Fitzgerald died on the 8th ultimo, leaving a child, three years old, who was born shortly after the death of her husband. The grandmother of the child has now asked that some pecuniary assistance may be given to her towards the child's maintenance. As, however, the Board made a liberal provision for Mrs. Fitzgerald so long as she lived, your Committee do not feel themselves justified in recommending the Board to make any further grant of money.

Your Committee have further to report that they have given orders for the construction of a new Street-station to be placed at Holborn-viaduct, in place of the temporary structure on wheels which is now stationed there. The new structure will be similar to that in Tottenham-court-road, and will be supplied by Messrs. Rosser and Russell, at a cost of £139, exclusive of certain necessary fittings.

The Hose-van, No. 13, having been found to be in such a bad condition that it is not expedient to repair it, your Committee have arranged with Mr. G. Bray to supply a new van, in exchange for the old one, for the sum of £55.

The Chief Officer has reported that it is desirable that the new Station at Kentish-town should be attached to the "B" District, which is the Central District North of the Thames, the old Station having been attached to the "A," or Western, District. Arrangements have accordingly been made with the Post Office for establishing and maintaining communication by Telephone between the new Kentish-town Station and the Superintendent's Station at Clerkenwell, for an annual rent of £50. For the line of Telegraph between the old Station and District Station at Westminster, which hire will now be discontinued, £35 a year was paid.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
W. R. SELWAY,
GEO. EDWARDS,
GEORGE HILL.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the St. Olave District Board be informed, in reply to its further Letter on the subject of the recent fire at Butler's Wharf, that the Board sees no reason to alter the views expressed in its previous communications to the District Board, but that if the latter has any further facts to bring under the notice of the Board they shall be duly considered.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Freeman, and resolved—That Medals for extraordinary bravery at fires be awarded to Third-class Fireman Thomas Stoneman and Fourth-class Fireman William Gordon.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Fourth-class Fireman William H. Morrell be dismissed for misconduct.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That the following promotions be made, viz., Third-class Firemen Isaac G. Read and Albert Cotton to the Second Class; and Fourth-class Firemen John Freeman, John Tuytel, and William Dyter to the Third Class.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded, and resolved—That Henry Girault, David Evans, Edmund Barry, James Samworth, Joseph Pittaway, Alfred J. Jones, Alfred J. Allison, and Edward J. Carroll be appointed, during the pleasure of the Board, in the Fourth Class of Firemen.

19. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 11th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have further considered the question of the steps it is desirable to take with respect to the Alcazar Theatre, in High Holborn. Your Committee reported to the Board on the 30th ultimo (No. 8), that the alterations which were necessary for remedying the structural defects of the building had been completed, and a communication was sent to the Lord Chamberlain, stating that, in the opinion of the Board, the License of the Theatre might be issued for the full term. This action was taken under the Eleventh Section of the Act of 1878, but it appears desirable to your Committee that further provision should be made for the public safety, under the Act of 1882, by framing regulations for facilitating the exit of the audience and the performers both on ordinary occasions, and in cases of emergency. Your Committee, having received a Report from your Superintending Architect on the subject, and having carefully considered the special features of the building, recommend—

That a Notice under the 45th Section of the Board's Various Powers Act, 1882, containing the following requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor, that it be sealed in duplicate, and be served, as soon as the Alcazar Theatre shall be re-opened, upon the person by whom it is kept open for public entertainment—

1.—That the present bolts and fastenings be removed from the exit doors, and that each of such doors be fastened by a single bolt fixed on the side next the auditorium, at a height of 3 feet from the floor, the bolt to be of a pattern to be approved by the Board.

2.—That the gates at the North and South ends of French Horn-yard, the gates at the North and South ends of Greyhound-yard, and the gates to the principal entrance from High Holborn, be locked back during the time of performance, and be kept open half-an-hour before the opening, and half-an-hour after the time of closing the Theatre.

3.—That an inscription be painted in luminous paint in a legible manner upon each of the exit doors, on the side next the auditorium, stating that such door may be opened in case of emergency, and indicating where the exit leads, and the direction to be taken in order to reach the street.

4.—That Notices be painted in luminous paint in a legible manner in the several corridors to show the way out of the Theatre.

5.—That a sufficient number of oil lamps be provided in the corridors, and on the landings of the staircases to light the same in the event of the Gas being extinguished, and that such lamps be kept burning during the whole time the Theatre is open to the public.

And they further recommend—

That the Superintending Architect be instructed to report from time to time whether the requirements are duly complied with.

Your Committee have also to report that they have further considered the question of the steps it is desirable to take with respect to the Britannia Theatre at Hoxton. The Board, on the 9th February last (No. 2), instructed their Solicitor to prepare a Notice to the Owner of the Theatre, containing seventeen requirements with respect to the alterations necessary for remedying its structural defects. The Notice was duly served, with the consent of the Lord Chamberlain, on the 1st March last, and Six months were allowed for the execution of the works. Your Superintending Architect reported, immediately after the Recess, that the alterations were nearly completed, and your Clerk was thereupon directed to call the attention of the Surveyor to the Owner to the omissions. The chief of these was the failure to make the iron doors in the proscenium wall self-closing, but your Committee have received a further Report from your Superintending Architect to the effect that springs have now been fixed to all those doors, and that the whole of the works required by the Board have been

completed. The provisional License of the Theatre will expire on the 31st instant, and your Committee recommend—

That the Lord Chamberlain be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the License may now be issued for the full term.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had before them a Letter from the Hon. S. Ponsonby-Fane, Lord Chamberlain's Office, dated 3rd December, 1883, stating that provisional Licenses were granted in June last to certain Theatres mentioned in the list annexed to the Letter, which would expire on the last day of the present year, and requesting to be informed what course the Board would recommend with regard to a renewal of such Licenses. The Theatres referred to are sixteen in number, and the consideration of the question of the alterations necessary for remedying the structural defects of most of them has on several occasions engaged the attention of your Committee. The necessary works have been completed (as stated above) at the Britannia Theatre, and are in progress at Astley's (now Sanger's) Amphitheatre, the Elephant and Castle, and the Globe, and Marylebone Theatres. Sealed Notices have been served upon the Owners of the Imperial and the Olympic Theatres, and Notices have been prepared for service upon the Owners of the Pavilion and Standard Theatres. Draft Notices have recently been sent to the Owners of Her Majesty's, the Princess's, Sadler's Wells, and St. James's Theatres; and Requisitions will be submitted in this Report with respect to the Surrey Theatre. Drawings have been prepared of the Hackney and Variety Theatres, which will shortly receive the consideration of your Committee, who recommend—

That the Lord Chamberlain be informed that the following Theatres, namely, Astley's Elephant and Castle, Globe, Hackney, Her Majesty's, Imperial, Marylebone, Olympic, Princess's, Pavilion, Sadler's Wells, Standard, St. James's, Surrey, and Variety, are being dealt with; that in some cases the necessary works for remedying structural defects are nearly completed, and that, in the opinion of the Board, the Provisional Licenses for such Theatres may be renewed for a further period of Six months from the 31st instant.

Your Committee have, in addition, to report that they have carefully considered the question of the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Surrey Theatre, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the provisions of the Act of 1878. This Theatre, which was erected in the year 1865, is situated on the West side of Blackfriars-road. The building is of an irregular shape on Plan, and measures about 200 feet from East to West, and about 110 feet, at the widest part, from North to South. It has a frontage of about 62 feet to Blackfriars-road, and extends back to Obelisk-yard. The total number of persons that can be accommodated in the Theatre is about 2,300, of whom nearly 2,000 are seated on the gallery and pit levels. The entrances for the public are in Blackfriars-road, but there is an exit from the pit and gallery on the North side, into a yard adjoining the "Flowers of the Forest" Public-house. The stage-entrance is also on the North side of the Theatre. Your Committee in considering this case have had before them the Report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade upon the Theatre, referred by the Board on the 4th August, 1882 (No. 15), and the observations of Messrs. Conquest and Merritt upon such Report, referred on the 6th October, 1882 (No. 28), as well as the Report of your Superintending Architect upon the question of the measures necessary to be taken to secure the safety of the public. They have also examined the Drawings of the Theatre, prepared under his direction, and they have now to report that they are of opinion that the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the proscenium wall be carried up of the full thickness of 14 inches, to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall, 14 inches thick, be built under the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the mezzanine from the orchestra; that not more than two openings, each of such openings not exceeding 3 feet wide and 6 feet high, be formed in such wall, and that

such openings, together with the present openings in the proscenium wall, be closed by wrought-iron doors not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves; and that the wood backing to the ornamental casing round the proscenium opening be removed, and solid brickwork substituted.

2.—That the openings leading into the gasfitters' room and the band-room, be stopped up with brickwork, the full thickness of the wall in which such openings are situate; or that such rooms be separated from the orchestra by brick walls, not less than 9 inches thick, and do have ceilings of brickwork, or other fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

3.—That the gentlemen's dressing-rooms on the O.P. side at the mezzanine level be removed.

4.—That an exit be provided at the rear of the stage, leading into Obelisk-yard

5.—That a separate exit be provided on the South side of the Theatre, for the use of the audience in the pit, pit stalls and orchestra stalls.

6.—That the barriers in the pit exit on the North side of the Theatre be removed.

7.—That the fixed barriers in the pit entrance vestibule be removed, and movable hinged barriers, to fold back against the wall, substituted.

8.—That the fixed barrier on the O.P. side of the pit be removed, and a movable hinged barrier substituted.

9.—That the handrail and balusters of the principal staircase be strengthened where necessary.

10.—That the two end seats on the top landing of the principal staircase be removed.

11.—That the fixed barriers and pay-box in the angle of the gallery staircase be removed and movable barriers substituted.

12.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of an easy rise, be formed in the centre of the gallery.

13.—That the two topmost steps in the gallery at the North-East angle be removed, and the floor made good.

14.—That the top flight of the gallery stairs be re-constructed of stone, and separated from the gallery by a partition formed of fire-resisting materials, to be approved by the Board.

15.—That the windows between the Theatre and the staircase to the property-making room on the O.P. side be blocked up with brickwork, the full thickness of the wall in which such openings are situate.

16.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by strong wire guards.

17.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings used by the public, where not already provided.

18.—That all doors and gates used by the public be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

And your Committee recommend—

That a Draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor: that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon; and that the Building Act Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's requisitions, and to report further to the Board on the subject.

Your Committee beg to submit, herewith, eight Reports which they have received

from your Superintending Architect, specifying certain works which it is necessary should be carried out under Magistrates' Orders at the premises therein mentioned, the same being Dangerous Structures, and they recommend—

That the Contractors, Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood, be instructed to carry out the works ordered by the Magistrates to be executed at the following premises, the same being Dangerous Structures—

Brick Pier at the entrance to the Avenue, Gipsy-hill, Penge.
No. 182, Drury-lane, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields.
No. 4, Goldsmith-street ditto
No. 54, Drury-lane, St. Martin-in-the-Fields.
No. 53a, Drury-lane ditto
No. 55, Drury-lane ditto
Wooden hoarding at the junction of Victoria-street and Great Chapel-street Westminster.
Wooden hoarding on the North side of Victoria-street, Westminster.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Rev. R. S. Hassard, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, the temporary iron building erected at the rear of the Church in Mayfield-road, Dalston, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 54). The building was first approved by the Board as a temporary structure in December, 1879, and the License was renewed for a period of Two years from the 12th December, 1881. The District Surveyor reports that the stability of the structure is such as to justify the further extension of time which is now applied for; and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, for a period of Two years, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. S. J. Jerrard, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of new roads to lead out of the North side of Brockley-lane, Lewisham, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 62). On the 19th October last the Board, on the recommendation of your Committee, refused their consent to an application for the formation of roads upon the Estate. The Lewisham District Board objected to the gradients shown upon the Plan then submitted, but the present application shows that the levels of the roads have been considerably improved, and your Committee think that it may receive the sanction of the Board. They recommend—

That the application be granted, upon condition that no barriers be at any time erected, or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the roads, and also upon condition that the applicant do satisfy the Solicitor as to his ownership of the land necessary to form the entrance to the new roads from Brockley-lane, and that the names "Algiers-road, S.E.," "Marsala-road, S.E.," "Veda road, S.E.," "Ermine-street, S.E." (in continuation), "Embleton-street, S.E." (in continuation), "Algernon-road, S.E." (in continuation), and "Vicars-hill, S.E.," be approved for the same.

Your Committee have also considered the application of Mr. A. Thorn, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of new roads to lead out of the West side of Putney-hill, Putney, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 65). The applicant proposes to form a road 50 feet in width, to lead out of Putney-hill, and turn in a Northward direction towards the Upper Richmond-road. It is also intended to make another road, 45 feet in width to lead out of the West side of Putney-hill, forming a junction with the first-mentioned road. The Wandsworth District Board approve of the formation of the roads, but they object to the gradient of one of the proposed roads, which is intended to be 1 in 29. Your Committee have conferred with the applicant, and with the Surveyor to the District Board, and have received from the former an assurance that the gradient of the road marked "A" on the Plan will be made 1 in 35 instead of 1 in 29. The District Board express their willingness to concur in the alteration, and your Committee, upon that understanding, recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or

other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and that the names "Gwendolen-avenue, S.W.," "Chartfield-road, S.W.," and "Cambalt-road, S.W." be approved for the new roads.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. G. B. Williams, transmitting a copy of correspondence with reference to the line of frontage of buildings in course of erection, in the Lee-road, Blackheath, and which was stated to be at variance with the line of frontage laid down by your Superintending Architect, and requesting that the Board would take such steps as they might think proper, referred by the Board on the 23rd ultimo, (No. 38). Mr. Williams requests the Board to take action under the 10th Section of the Act 45 Vic. cap. 14, with reference to the frontage line in the Lee-road, the Plumstead District Board having refused to proceed under the 75th Section of the Act 25th and 26th Vic. cap. 102. In the year 1879 the Board sanctioned the erection of certain buildings in Tranquil-vale, and the houses now complained of are brought out to the same frontage line. In June last, your Superintending Architect defined the line of frontage in the Lee-road, and the Board are now asked to take action with the view of enforcing it. The applicant, on behalf of the freeholder of the adjoining property, represents that the new buildings would be seriously detrimental to him, and he requests the Board to refuse their consent to the frontage line which is now proposed. Your Committee, having conferred with your Solicitor, recommend—

That he be instructed to take action under the 10th Section of the Act 45 Vic., cap. 14, with reference to the frontage line.

Your Committee have considered the further Letter from Messrs Gordon and Son, on behalf of Mr. Brandon, relative to the erection of a building adjoining the "Nell Gwynne" Public-house at Stanley Bridge, King's-road, Fulham, alleged to be in advance of the general line of buildings in that thoroughfare, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 41). The facts of the case were, by direction of the Board, communicated to the Fulham District Board, with a view to their taking action under the 75th Section of the Act 25 and 26 Vic., cap. 102; but your Committee are informed that they decline to proceed in the matter, as they consider the frontage line unobjectionable. Under these circumstances, your Committee recommend—

That Messrs. Gordon and Son be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to take any action in the matter.

Your Committee have also considered the Memorial from owners and occupiers of houses in Morden-grove, Greenwich, relative to the proposed erection of houses on the East side of Morden-grove, at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of the road, and requesting the Board not to consent to the same, referred by the Board on the 29th June, 1883 (No. 77). The Board on the 13th July last (No. 16), on the recommendation of your Committee, instructed their Solicitor to serve a Penal Notice on the builder of the houses, and the case was heard on four occasions before the Police Magistrate at Greenwich. The Defendant contended that the road was a private one, and he produced deeds and other documentary evidence in support of his assertion. Several inhabitants and owners of property gave evidence on behalf of the Board that the road was a public one, but the Magistrate held that the balance of testimony was in favour of the Defendant, and he dismissed the Summons, but without costs. Your Committee beg to report these facts for the information of the Board.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Vestry of St. Pancras, enclosing copy of a Resolution of their Sanitary Committee as follows—"That your Committee "have had their attention called by the Committee of View, recently appointed by them, "to the condition of certain houses in course of erection on vacant land in "Highgate New-town, in front of the upper part of Dartmouth-park-hill and East of "Highgate Cemetery, where the character of the materials used for the building, and "the manner of construction, deserve the special attention of the Metropolitan Board

" of Works. And your Committee recommend—'That a communication be " addressed to the Metropolitan Board of Works calling attention to the subject,'" referred by the Board on the 26th January, 1883 (No. 6). Your Committee are advised by your Solicitor that the information given by the Vestry is not sufficient to enable the Board to take any action in the matter, but he suggests that a copy of the Letter from the Vestry should be sent to the District Surveyor, who should be requested to report to the Board any case in which he thinks that proceedings should be taken. Your Committee recommend—

That that course be adopted, and that the Vestry of St. Pancras be informed accordingly.

Your Committee have again considered the further Letter from the Wandsworth District Board, relative to the erection of two houses, with shops, on the South side of a narrow way leading from St. John's-hill, Battersea, to the entrance of Clapham-Junction Railway Station, referred by the Board on the 23rd November, 1883 (No. 75), and referred back on the 30th of that month (No. 8). The District Board were informed, on the 24th October last, that this Board appeared to have no power to deal with the erections complained of, and they now request this Board to obtain further powers to prevent the laying out of narrow streets in a similar manner in future. Your Committee have instructed your Superintending Architect to make a memorandum of the request in the Register which is kept in his Department for the purpose of illustrating defects in the working of the Building Acts; and they recommend—

That the Wandsworth District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter, that a note of the case has been made with a view to legislation on the subject at some future time.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. G. W. Thompson, on behalf of Mr. T. W. Miller, for the consent of the Board to the erection of nine houses, with bay-windows, on the North side of Tryon's-place, Mare-street, Hackney, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 43). The amended application shows that the proposed bay-windows will project 3 feet beyond the frontage line of the new houses. The Hackney District Board object to the proposal, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be not granted.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the application of Mr. E. B. l'Anson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building adjoining No. 20, Clapham Old-town, Wandsworth, and the re-erection of No. 16, Clapham Old-town, to the advanced line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 51). The amended Plan shows the new building brought out in advance of Nos. 16 and 20, Old-town, Clapham, and abutting upon the public way in that thoroughfare, but forming a continuation of the general line of buildings in Old-town. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have had under consideration the application of Mr. C. Kent, on behalf of the Rev. B. Briggs, and others, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building in Verney-road, Rotherhithe, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 56). The building is to be 34 feet in length and 29 feet wide, and will be constructed of wood and iron frame work, covered externally with corrugated iron. Your Superintending Architect reports that the construction is satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, for a period of Two years, upon condition that the applicant do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act!

1882, to secure the due removal of the building, and also upon condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

Your Committee have also considered the Notice from Mr. C. Cheston, of h intention to form an extension of Grove-road, Stamford-hill, as shown upon the Plan accompanying such Notice, and to apply the name "Grove-road, E." (in continuation), to the same, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 59). Mr. Cheston proposes to extend Grove-road Eastward across a public footpath which leads to Hill-street, so as to form a junction with Osbaldiston-road. The proposed extension is to be 40 feet in width. Your Committee, considering the Plan objectionable, recommend—

That it be not approved.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. M. Batten, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of an extension of Silwood-street, Rotherhithe, and of a new road in connection therewith, referred by the Board on the 30th November, 1883 (No. 64). The applicants propose to form an extension of Silwood-street by removing some houses and widening that street, and to continue it 40 feet in width into Goodson-street. Direct communication will then be formed between Goodson-street and Rotherhithe New-road. It is also proposed to form another street, 40 feet in length, to lead out of the new road at one point, and to return into it at a point about 200 feet distant. The Vestry of Rotherhithe approve of the proposal. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, upon condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads; and also upon condition that the applicant do satisfy the Solicitor as to his ownership of the houses at the end of Silwood-street, and that the names "Bracton-road, S.E.," and "Silwood-street, S.E." (in continuation), be approved for the new roads.

The Board, on Friday last (No. 43), referred to your Committee the Letter from Mr. R. P. Notley, District Surveyor for Bethnal-green (West), relative to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the forecourt of No. 410, Hackney-road. Your Committee concur with your Superintending Architect in thinking that this is not a case in which it is necessary for the Board to take any proceedings, the new erection being in a line with existing buildings in Hackney-road. Your Committee recommend—

That Mr. Notley be informed, in reply to his Letter, that the Board do not propose to take any action in the matter.

Your Committee have to report that they have considered the application of Mr. R. J. Dickins, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection to an advanced line, and the erection of one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 208 to 224, Albany-road, at the corner of Villa-street, and the re-erection of Nos. 94 to 104, Villa-street, Camberwell, to the lines shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 44). The applicant proposes to re-build the houses Nos. 208 to 224, Albany-road, and to bring them forward so as to form a continuation of the general line of buildings in the road, to the Westward of No. 224. The shops in front of these houses will project 6 feet beyond the general line, but the applicant intends to give up a strip of ground, thereby widening the pavement to 10 feet. The applicant also proposes to erect five houses, with bays and forecourts, upon the sites of Nos. 94 to 104, Villa-street, and to surrender a piece of ground, so as to widen the public way. Your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, on condition that the spaces separating the proposed shops from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the application of Mr. H. May, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a conservatory upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 63, Dartmouth-road, Forest-hill, Lewisham, to the line

shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 48). The proposed erection measures about 16 feet by 12 feet, and is situated at a distance of 4 feet from the front of the house. Your Committee think the proposal objectionable, and they recommend—

That the application be not granted.

The Board on Friday last (No. 50) referred to your Committee the amended application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. J. Pyke, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a vestibule, and the extension of a bay-window upon portions of the forecourt of Devonshire-place House, Marylebone-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application. The amended Plan shows the height of the roof of the proposed vestibule reduced from 19 feet to 18 feet, a painted glass roof 22 feet high being substituted for the central dome. The Vestry of St. Marylebone consider the amended application objectionable, and your Committee recommend—

That it be not granted.

Your Committee have considered the application of Mr. J. Picking, on behalf of Messrs. Meux and Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at the Horse Shoe Brewery, in Tottenham-court-road, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 54). The applicant proposes to erect in the yard of the Brewery premises a detached chimney-shaft and copper for the purposes of the trade. The shaft will be erected upon piers and strong rolled iron joists in connection with the brick setting of the copper, the entire height from the level of the yard being 65 feet. Your Superintending Architect reports that the proposed construction is satisfactory, and your Committee recommend—

That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

Your Committee have also to report that they have considered the Letter from Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, relative to the abandonment of the formation of Inver-road, Mount Pleasant-lane, Clapton, referred by the Board on Friday last (No. 56). The Board, in 1879, approved of the formation of Inver-road, upon the usual conditions. The School Board, having acquired the land upon which the road was to be formed, propose to include it in their site for the new Schools. Your Committee are informed by your Superintending Architect that the abandonment of this road will not affect the outlets of the other roads, and they recommend—

That Mr. Robson be informed that the Board have no objection to the proposed abandonment of the formation of Inver-road.

In accordance with the reference by the Board on Friday last (No. 57), your Committee have considered the Letter of the Vestry of Kensington, relative to the formation of a Mews leading out of Redfield-lane, Earl's-court. Your Committee have had before them a Report by your Superintending Architect on the subject, from which it appears that the entrance to the Mews will be closed with gates, thus making it a private way. The road-way of the Mews is 20 feet wide, and your Superintending Architect suggests that no action should be taken by the Board in the matter. Your Committee, concurring in this view, recommend—

That the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report on the subject be communicated to the Vestry, in reply to their Letter.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
JOHN RUNTZ,
W. R. SELWAY,
DONALD MUNRO,
WM. DEBENHAM,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Board, in the exercise of the authority conferred upon them by the 45th Section of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Act, 1882, do, with a view to the safety of the public, make the following Rules, with respect to the Alcazar Theatre—

1.—That the present bolts and fastenings be removed from the exit doors, and that each of such doors be fastened by a single bolt fixed on the side next the auditorium, at a height of 3 feet from the floor, the bolt to be of a pattern to be approved by the Board.

2.—That the gates at the North and South ends of French Horn-yard, the gates at the North and South ends of Greyhound-yard, and the gates to the principal entrance from High Holborn, be locked back during the time of performance, and be kept open half-an-hour before the opening, and half-an-hour after the time of closing the Theatre.

3.—That an inscription be painted in luminous paint in a legible manner upon each of the exit doors, on the side next the auditorium, stating that such door may be opened in case of emergency, and indicating where the exit leads, and the direction to be taken in order to reach the street.

4.—That Notices be painted in luminous paint in a legible manner in the several corridors to show the way out of the Theatre.

5.—That a sufficient number of oil lamps be provided in the corridors and on the landings of the staircases to light the same in the event of the gas being extinguished, and that such lamps be kept burning during the whole time the Theatre is open to the public.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a Notice to the foregoing effect be prepared by the Solicitor; that it be sealed in duplicate, and be served so soon as the Theatre shall be re-opened, upon the person by whom it is kept open for public entertainment, and that the Superintending Architect be instructed to survey the Theatre from time to time, and to Report whether the Rules made by the Board have been observed.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That, inasmuch as it appears that the whole of the works required by the Board to be done at the Britannia Theatre have been completed, the Lord Chamberlain be informed that, in the opinion of the Board, the License in respect of the Theatre may now be issued for the full term.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a reply, in accordance with the Report, be sent to the Letter from the Hon. S. Ponsonby-Fane, Lord Chamberlain's Office, stating that the Provisional Licenses granted to certain Theatres mentioned therein would expire on the 31st instant, and requesting to be informed what course the Board would recommend with regard to the renewal of such Licenses.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the present arrangements for the egress of the public from, and the prevention of fire in, the Surrey Theatre, in Blackfriars-road, and the improvements which it is desirable to effect in the same, under the Act of 1878, be approved; and that, in the opinion of the Board, the following alterations, of a structural character, are necessary to remedy existing defects in the building—

1.—That the proscenium wall be carried up of the full thickness of 14 inches to a height of 3 feet above the roof, such height being measured at right angles to the slope of the roof; that a brick wall 14 inches thick be built under the stage, in a line with the soffit of the proscenium opening, to divide the mezzanine from the orchestra; that not more than two openings, each of such openings not exceeding 3 feet wide and 6 feet high, be formed in such wall, and that such

openings, together with the present openings in the proscenium wall, be closed by wrought-iron doors not less than one-fourth of an inch thick in the panel, in wrought-iron frames, hung so as to close of themselves ; and that the wood backing to the ornamental casing round the proscenium opening be removed, and solid brickwork substituted.

2.—That the openings leading into the gasfitters' room and the band-room, be stopped up with brickwork the full thickness of the wall in which such openings are situate; or that such rooms be separated from the orchestra by brick walls not less than 9 inches thick, and do have ceilings of brickwork, or other fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

3.—That the gentlemen's dressing-rooms on the O.P. side at the mezzanine level be removed.

4.—That an exit be provided at the rear of the stage, leading into Obelisk-yard.

5.—That a separate exit be provided on the South side of the Theatre, for the use of the audience in the pit, pit stalls and orchestra stalls.

6.—That the barriers in the pit exit on the North side of the Theatre be removed.

7.—That the fixed barriers in the pit entrance vestibule be removed, and movable hinged barriers, to fold back against the wall, substituted.

8.—That the fixed barrier on the O.P. side of the pit be removed, and a movable hinged barrier substituted.

9.—That the handrail and balusters of the principal staircase be strengthened where necessary.

10.—That the two end seats on the top landing of the principal staircase be removed.

11.—That the fixed barriers and pay-box in the angle of the gallery staircase be removed and movable barriers substituted.

12.—That a gangway, 3 feet 6 inches wide, with steps of an easy rise, be formed in the centre of the gallery.

13.—That the two topmost steps in the gallery at the North-East angle be removed, and the floor made good.

14.—That the top flight of the gallery stairs be re-constructed of stone, and separated from the gallery by a partition formed of fire-resisting materials to be approved by the Board.

15.—That the windows between the Theatre and the staircase to the property-making room on the O.P. side be blocked up with brickwork, the full thickness of the wall in which such openings are sitnate.

16.—That the skylights in the roof be protected by strong wire guards.

17.—That handrails be fixed on both sides of all staircases, steps and landings used by the public, where not already provided.

18.—That all doors and gates used by the public be hung in two folds, and be made to open outwards.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a Draft Notice, embodying the above requirements, be prepared by the Solicitor ; that the Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of such Notice to the Owner, with an intimation that he may submit to the Board any observations thereon ; and that the Committee be authorised to confer, either directly or through their Sub-Committee, with the Owner upon the Board's Requisitions, and that the Committee do report further to the Board on the subject.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883. appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure, being a brick pier at the entrance to the Avenue, Gipsy-hill, Penge, had failed to comply with the Order made by George Chance, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Lambeth Police-court, on the 10th day of November last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the brick pier at the entrance to the Avenue, Gipsy-hill, Penge.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure No. 182, Drury-lane, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, had failed to comply with the Order made by Frederick Flowers, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Bow-street Police-court, on the 22nd day of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised, to take down the water-closet at No. 182, Drury-lane, St. Giles-in-the-Fields

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure No. 4, Goldsmith-street, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, had failed to comply with the Order made by Frederick Flowers Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Bow-street Police-court, on the 22nd day of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the water-closet in the yard of No. 4, Goldsmith-street, St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure, No. 54, Drury-lane, St. Martin-in-the-fields, had failed to comply with the Order made by Frederick Flowers, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Bow-street Police-court, on the 22nd day of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolve, and it is hereby **resolved** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the North and South party-walls. and the defective cracked and crushed parts of the front and back walls. of No. 54, Drury-lane, St. Martin-in-the-fields.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure No. 53A, Drury-lane, St. Martin-in-the

Fields, had failed to comply with the Order made by Frederick Flowers, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Bow-street Police-court, on the 22nd day of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolved, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the cracked and insecure South party-wall, and the insecure parts of No. 53A, Drury-lane, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and any other works connected therewith.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure, No. 55, Drury-lane, St. Martin-in-the-fields, had failed to comply with the Order made by Frederick Flowers, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Bow-street Police-court, on the 22nd day of October last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolved, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd—That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the North party-wall at No. 55, Drury-lane, St. Martin-in-the-fields.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the owner of the structure, being a wooden hoarding at the junction of Victoria-street and Great Chapel-street, St. Margaret, Westminster, had failed to comply with the Order made by Louis Charles Tennyson d'Eyncourt, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Westminster Police-court, on the 3rd day of November last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolved, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, —That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised to take down the upper portion of the above-mentioned hoarding, so as to reduce its height to 16 feet above the pavement.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, and it being made to appear to the Board that the Owner of the structure being a wooden hoarding on the North side of Victoria-street, St. Margaret, Westminster, had failed to comply with the Order made by Louis Charles Tennyson d'Eyncourt, Esquire, one of the Magistrates of the Police-courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Westminster Police-court, on the 3rd day of November last, for the removal of the dangerous portions of such structure, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869,

Resolved, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, —That the Contractors, Messrs. John and James Greenwood, of Maltby-street, Bermondsey, be instructed, and they are hereby authorised, to take down the above-mentioned hoarding, so as to reduce its height to 16 feet above the pavement.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of the Rev. R. S. Hassard, for the permission of the Board to retain, for a further period, the temporary iron building erected at the rear of the Church in Mayfield-road, Dalston, be granted, for a period of Two years from this date, upon condition that

the Owner do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. S. J. Jerrard, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of new roads to lead out of the North side of Brockley-lane, Lewisham, be granted, upon condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, and also upon condition that the applicant do satisfy the Solicitor as to his ownership of the land necessary to form the entrance to the new roads from Brockley-lane, and that the names "Algiers-road, S.E." "Marsala-road, S.E.," "Veda-road, S.E.," "Ermine-street, S.E." (in continuation), "Embleton-street, S.E." (in continuation), "Algernon-road, S.E," (in continuation), and "Vicars-hill, S.E," be approved for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. A. Thorn, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation and names of new roads to lead out of the West side of Putney-hill, Putney, be granted on condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads, the applicant having given an assurance that the gradient of the road marked "A" will be made 1 in 35; and that the names "Gwendolen-avenue, S.W.," "Chartfield-road, S.W.," and "Cambalt-road, S.W.," be approved for the new roads.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That with reference to the Letter from Mr. Williams, transmitting a copy of correspondence as to the line of frontage of buildings in course of erection in the Lee-road, Blackheath, stated to be at variance with the line laid down by the Superintending Architect, the Solicitor be instructed to take action under Section 10 of the Act 45 Vic., cap. 14, with reference to the frontage line.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That no action be taken by the Board with reference to the Letter from Messrs. Gordon and Son, on behalf of Mr. Brandon, relative to the erection of a building adjoining the "Nell Gwynne" Public-house at Stanley-bridge, King's-road, Fulham, alleged to be in advance of the general line of buildings in that thoroughfare; and that Messrs. Gordon and Son be so informed.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Vestry of St. Pancras be informed, in reply to the Resolution of their Sanitary Committee, relative to the condition of certain houses in course of erection in Highgate New-town, in front of the upper part of Dartmouth-park-hill, and East of the Highgate Cemetery, that the District Surveyor has been requested to take any action that may be necessary in the matter; that a copy of the Letter from the Vestry be sent to the District Surveyor, and that he be requested to report to the Board any case in which he thinks that proceedings should be taken.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Wandsworth District Board be informed, in reply to their Letter, relative to the erection of two houses, with shops, on the South side of a narrow way leading from St. John's-hill, Battersea, to the entrance of Clapham Junction Railway Station, that a note of the case has been made with a view to legislation on the subject at a future time.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. G. W. Thompson, on behalf of Mr. T. W. Miller, for the consent of the Board to the erection of nine houses, with bay-windows, on the North side of Tryon's-place, Mare-street, Hackney, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. E. B. I'Anson, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a building adjoining No. 20, Clapham Old-town, Wandsworth, and the re-erection of No. 16, Clapham Old-

town, to the advanced line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. C. Kent, on behalf of the Rev. B. Briggs and others, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary wood and iron building in Verney-road, Rotherhithe, be granted for a period of Two years from this date, upon condition that the applicant do accept the License, prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1852, to secure the due removal of the building; and also upon condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Plan referred to in the Notice from Mr. C. Cheston, of his intention to form an extension of Grove-road, Stamford-hill, and to apply the name "Grove-road, E." (in continuation), to the same, be not approved.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. M. Batten, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the formation of an extension of Silwood-street, Rotherhithe, and of a new road in connection therewith, be granted, upon condition that no barriers be at any time erected or other obstructions caused to the free use by the public of the said roads; and also upon condition that the applicant do satisfy the Solicitor as to his ownership of the houses at the end of Silwood-street; and that the names "Bracton-road, S.E.," and "Silwood-street, S.E." (in continuation), be approved for the new roads.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. R. P. Notley, District Surveyor, be informed, in reply, to his Letter, relative to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the forecourt of No. 410, Hackney-road, that the Board do not propose to take any action in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. R. J. Dickins, for the consent of the Board to the re-erection to an advanced line, and the erection of one-storey shops, upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 208 to 224, Albany-road, at the corner of Villa-street, and the re-erection of Nos. 94 to 104, Villa-street, Camberwell, to the lines shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be granted, on condition that the spaces separating the proposed shops from the public way be given up to form part of such public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. H. May, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a conservatory upon a portion of the forecourt of No, 63, Dartmouth-road, Forest-hill, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the amended application of Mr. J. T. Wimperis, on behalf of Mr. J. Pyke, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a vestibule, and the extension of a bay-window, upon portions of the forecourt of Devonshire-place House, Marylebone-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application, be not granted.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application of Mr. J. Picking, on behalf of Messrs. Meux and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft at the Horse Shoe Brewery, Tottenham-court-road, be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That Mr. E. R. Robson be informed that the Board have no objection to the proposed abandonment by the School Board of the formation of Inver-road, Mount Pleasant-lane, Clapton.

It was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and **resolved**—That so much of the Report as relates to the Letter from the Vestry of Kensington, as to the formation of a Mews leading out of Redfield-lane, Earl's-court, be approved, and that the substance of the Superintending Architect's Report on the subject be communicated to the Vestry.

20. Mr. Munro, in the absence of Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 12th December, 1882.

Your Committee have to report that a communication from the Land Commissioners, having reference to the proposed scheme for Streatham-common, and which required an immediate reply, was received during the past week by your Solicitor. The point raised by the Commissioners was that, if the Board desired more definite powers for making Bye-laws than those already existing in the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Act, 1877, under which Act the majority of the Bye-laws for Open Spaces are framed, it would be necessary to submit such proposition to the Home Secretary for his approval, before completing the Scheme. The power sought by the Board was principally to show more clearly that Bye-laws as to horse exercise, hire of horses, and meetings for public discussion, should be more definite than at present. Your Committee felt that it would be unadvisable to press these points, having regard to the view of the Land Commissioners. They, therefore, as a matter of emergency, directed your Solicitor to inform the Commissioners that the Board would not press for the insertion in the proposed Scheme of the additional powers as to Bye-laws. To this course, your Committee ask the approval of the Board.

The Case taken by the Board, as the result of the decision of the Hampstead Magistrates, relative to the playing of games on the West Heath, for the ruling of the High Court having been decided on Tuesday last in favour of the Defendant, Mr. Pritchard, he has, through his Solicitors, given formal notice that he intends, on Saturday next, to assert the right which the Court has given to him, by playing a game of rounders on the particular portion of the West Heath, which was under dispute in the case just adjudicated upon. Your Committee have not yet considered what action, if any, the Board should take with regard to the case referred to, but, in the meantime, they have directed the Board's Officers not to interfere with regard to the proposed action of Mr. Pritchard, or with the playing of games on this part of Hampstead-heath. To this course they ask the approval of the Board.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the erection of a railing around the watch-box on Plumstead-common, and that some slight alterations be made to the box.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) DONALD MUNRO,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEO. EDWARDS.

The Report having been read and received,

It was **moved** by Mr. Munro, seconded, and **resolved**—That the course taken by the Committee in directing the Solicitor not to press the Land Commissioners to insert in the Scheme with respect to Streatham-common any Clauses as to the making of Bye-laws, other than those already contained in the Board's (Various Powers) Act, 1877, be approved.

An amendment thereon was **moved** by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded by Mr. J. Jones—That the Scheme be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 14th December, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following Vestry and District Board—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
CHELSEA.				
Christchurch-street	230	3′ 0″ × 2′ 0″	½-brick.	Recommended as applied for.
LEWISHAM.				
Adenmore-gardens, Catford ...	735 735	15-inch. 12-inch.	Pipe. Pipe.	Recommended subject to the condition that the surface water be excluded from the sewer.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said Vestry and District Board be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 14th December, 1883, on applications from the following District Board and Vestry, for permission to stop up certain thoroughfares for the periods and purposes therein mentioned, viz.—

Dates of Applications	Names of Streets to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Streets through which traffic will be diverted.
SAINT SAVIOUR'S.					
1883. 6th Dec	Pepper-street, between Union and Orange Streets.	Repairing sewer.	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	Guildford-street.
CHELSEA.					
„	Walpole-street	Repairing roadway.	6 days.	6 days.	Avenue, &c., Terraces
	Cheyne-walk, between Oakley-street and the old Church	do.	1 week.	1 week.	Chelsea Embankment.
	Chelsea Embankment, from the old Church to Albert Bridge	do.	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	Cheyne-walk.
7th „	Lowndes-square, in five sections	do.	4 days each section.	4 days.	The sides of the Square not under repair.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfares in question by the said District Board and Vestry, for the purpose of executing works therein, for the periods recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the works respectively.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 13th December, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. Humphrys, Tennant and Co., relative to forming a Subway between their upper and lower Wharves at Deptford Pier: stating that it appeared that Messrs. Humphrys and Co. were desirous of forming the Subway, as shown on the tracings accompanying their Letter; that they proposed that the works should be carried

out concurrently with, and by Messrs. Pearson and Son, the Contractors for th works of the Deptford Storm Overflow Sewer, and that the District Board had no objection to the proposal; further stating that this Board's Sewer was being constructed in the public way to the draw-dock, and that Messrs. Humphrys and Co. proposed that their Subway should be constructed over the Sewer, as shown by the Plan and Sections accompanying the application; recommending the Board to consent to the construction of the Subway by their Contractors upon condition that Messrs. Humphrys and Co. do bear the whole of the expense, so that no additional cost should be incurred by the Board, that they do allow the Board to construct a ventilating chimney on their ground adjoining the Sewer, and at the South end of their new workshops, and do permit the same to remain there in perpetuity, and do give access to it at any time for the purpose of repairs or examination.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application of Messrs. Humphrys, Tennant and Co., be granted, on the conditions recommended in the Report.

24. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 13th December, 1883, on Letters from Messrs. Elmore and Scott, relative to alleged damage done to the propeller of their steam tug "Scotia" by striking on the Storm-water Outlet at Vauxhall Bridge, and claiming £71 18s. in respect thereof; setting forth the facts of the case, and recommending that it should be referred to the Solicitor to advise whether, under the circumstances, the Board should not decline to admit their liability for the alleged damage to the tug, and at the same time make a claim upon Messrs. Elmore and Scott for the damage done by the tug to the Board's works, which would probably cost about £5 to repair.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

25. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 13th December, 1883, on a Letter from the Surveyor of the Holborn District Board, asking this Board to construct the Sewers in the side streets (to the extent of their cleared lands) on the East side of the Gray's-inn road Improvement; stating that the Surveyor pointed out that the existing sewers in the side streets referred to were of a depth which would be insufficient to drain the basements of the new buildings which would probably be erected on this Board's cleared lands, having regard to the fact that it was now the practice to make the basement stories of much greater depth than previously prevailed, and that he therefore suggested that this Board should construct new sewers in those streets, for the length to which the cleared lands extended; that it appeared, moreover, that the District Board wished to take advantage of the lowering of the Sewer in Gray's-inn-road (under the Improvement Contract) for the purpose of deepening and improving the drainage of the streets and courts on the East side of the road; further stating that this Board had made provision in the Improvement Contract for the laying of a total length of about 800 feet of pipe sewers in the side streets, but that the Surveyor wished that total to be increased to about 1,100 feet, and that three of the sewers (making a total length of about 600 feet) should be in brickwork; that the object sought was one that would be beneficial to the localities on the East side of the road, and that, although he (the Engineer) was not prepared to recommend that the total provisional length of 800 feet should be exceeded, he recommended that of that length 600 feet should be constructed as brick sewers (3 feet 9 inches by 2 feet 6 inches) at an extra cost of about £500, and that the work should be executed by Mr. Griffiths, under the Schedule of prices attached to his Contract for the Gray's-inn-road Improvement works.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and acted upon, and that the works be executed by Mr. Griffiths accordingly.

26. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 14th December, 1883, stating that 28 Tons of

Walls-end Coal, being the usual half-yearly allowance to the Board's staff at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station, were required at a cost of £25 18s.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the Coal be obtained accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

27. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 14th December, 1883, recommending the execution, under the General Contract, of repairs to the flues in the South-East Boiler-house at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station, at an estimated cost of £100.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the work be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

28. Read a Report, as follows—

14th December, 1883.

Parliamentary Notices served and to be served for next Session.

I have examined several Notices relating to Bills to be introduced into Parliament next Session, which have been served upon the Board as owners, lessees, or occupiers of property, and in many cases the Notices refer to streets and sewers, but in others I find scheduled property vested in the Board for Street Improvements, or under the Artizans' Act, and for Fire Brigade Stations, &c. With most of the Notices the usual printed form has been sent for the Board to return themselves as "assenting," "dissenting," or "neuter," respecting the proposed Bills, and I think the Board will wish to direct the Clerk to return the Notices before the 21st instant, describing the Board as "dissenting" from each of the Bills, as this was the course adopted last year. The return of the Notices does not imply that the Board will in all cases present Petitions against the Bills, but will leave unprejudiced the question of the course to be adopted, and I do not think that the Board would wish in any instance to pledge themselves to assent to any Bill until they have seen the Report of Sir Joseph Bazalgette.

(Signed) REGINALD WARD.
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved and acted upon, and that the Clerk be instructed accordingly.

29. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Notice, in duplicate, to the Owner of the National Standard Theatre to remedy structural defects.

Notice, in duplicate, to the Owner of the Pavilion Theatre to remedy structural defects.

Appointment of Mr. Vulliamy as Valuer in the matter of a claim by Mr. W. Dickinson (Committee of Miss M. J. H. Curtis), in respect of a moiety of the fee-simple in the "King's Head" Public-house, No. 178, Tooley-street (Tooley-street Improvement).

Conveyance to Mr. C. Bryant of Plots Nos. 63 and 64 in Great Eastern-street (Old-street to Shoreditch Improvement).

Conveyance by Mr. A. Purchas and Miss C. Hole (Executor and Executrix of the Will of Elizabeth Pointing), of premises in Horse and Dolphin-yard and Military-mews, King-street, Soho, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to Oxford-street Improvement).

Conveyance by Mrs. M. Howle and another, of No. 12, Great Windmill-street, and No. 1, Catherine Wheel-yard, St. James, Westminster, and a Memorial for the registration of the same (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

30. The Solicitor reported with reference to the Cheque drawn by the Board on Friday last for £1,500, the purchase-money for land added to Brook-green, that it had been drawn to the order of the Vendor's Mortgagees, at the request of the Vendor's Solicitors, but that they had now made other arrangements with the Mortgagees, and that it was necessary that the purchase-money should be divided, and he suggested that the Board should now draw a Cheque for £500 in favour of the Vendors, and a Cheque for £1,000 in favour of the Mortgagees, and direct that the Cheque for £1,500 should be cancelled.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Cheque drawn by the Board on Friday last on the General Capital Account for the sum of £1,500, in favour of Mrs. Hannah Holland, Mr. S. T. Holland and Mr. F. May, be cancelled, and that in lieu thereof a Cheque for £500 be drawn in favour of Messrs. Prescott and Co., and a Cheque for £1,000 in favour of Messrs. Bowker, Peake, Bird and Collins.

The said Cheque was thereupon cancelled, and Cheques were drawn on the General Capital Account accordingly.

31. The Solicitor reported that he had obtained a transcript of the Short-hand writer's note of the decision in the case of the Board v. Pritchard, with respect to Cricket-playing on Hampstead-heath, and he suggested that it should be referred to the Parks &c. Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the suggestion of the Solicitor be acted upon, and that a reference be made to the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee accordingly

32. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 7th instant (No 9), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Surrey-lane, &c.		Camberwell.
Lowden-road (part)	}	Lambeth.
Lowden-road		
Poplar-walk-road		
Seward-street, &c.		St. Luke.
Cleopatra-grove, Lee		Plumstead.
Black-horse-yard, City-road		Islington.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans repectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

33. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Austin Antiseptic Company, dated 6th December, 1883, requesting permission to fix one of their Automatic Flushing and Anti-septic Tanks to one of the public urinals under the Board's control.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

34. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Ashby and Horner, dated 8th December, 1883, stating that one of the impediments to the better housing of the poor is owing to the House-tax, which is assessed on blocks of dwellings owned by private individuals; and asking the Board to endeavour to procure an alteration of the law with respect thereto in the next Session of Parliament.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. F. Fladgate, on behalf of the Proprietor of the Olympic Theatre, dated 8th December, 1883, stating that the whole of the requirements of the Board with respect to the alterations necessary for remedying the structural defects of the building had been complied with, or were in course of being

complied with, and giving notice of appeal from the requirements of the Board's Notice for the purpose of protecting his clients.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. P. Hope, Honorary Secretary of the Acton Drainage Committee, dated 10th December, 1883, in reply to this Board's Letter on the subject of the drainage of the Parish of Acton, representing the difficulties in which the authorities are placed owing to the judgment of Mr. Justice Fry, and stating that, as Acton was originally included in the scheme of the Commissioners of Sewers, and would, in all probability, be included in any scheme or readjustment of this Board's boundaries, it would be beneficial to both Boards that joint action should be taken, with the view that any Sewers now provided by the Acton Board should be so constructed as to be capable of utilisation in connection with this Board's system, or that this Board should allow new connections to be made on agreed terms, pending the final absorption of the Parish of Acton into the Metropolitan system, and thanking the Board for the courteous reception accorded to the recent Deputation.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Parish of Lambeth.

Board of Guardians,
Brook-street, Kennington-road,
10th December, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed by the Guardians to make application to the Metropolitan Board of Works for a further Loan of £25,000, being the balance of the sum of £50,000 which the Guardians are authorised by the Local Government Board's Order of 16th June last, to borrow for the purpose of erecting an additional Workhouse School at Norwood.

The Guardians propose to re-pay the Loan, if granted, in Thirty years.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) W. B. WILMOT,
Clerk to the Guardians.

To the Clerk to the
Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Lushington, Home Office, dated 7th December, 1883, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Letter with regard to the seven Official Representations made under the Artizans' &c., Dwellings Improvement Act which the Board do not intend to proceed upon.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

St. George, Hanover-square.

Board-room Mount-street, W.,
10th December, 1883.

Coal and Wine Duties.

Dear Sir,—I beg to forward copy of Resolution passed at my last Vestry on the above subject, as follows—

"That this Vestry is o opinion that it is desirable to renew the Duty on Coal and "Wine, as proposed by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and that it is not "desirable that Improvements in the Metropolis should be wholly charged on the "Rates."

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. H. SMITH,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee.

40. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. Peter W. Barlow, dated 8th December, 1883, referring to his application on behalf of the Tower Subway Company, for a Clause, similar to that in their Act, for the protection from loss of the Thames Ferries; and asking for the Board's favourable consideration of such a Clause in connection with their Thames Crossings Bill.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration, in connection with the Bill already referred to them.

41. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. Lushington, Home Office, dated 10th December, 1883, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's Letter with regard to the Official Representation made under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Improvement Act, in favour of an Improvement scheme in the Parish of Clerkenwell, which the Board have resolved not to proceed upon.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be received.

42. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

Treasury Chambers,
11th December, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to inform you that they have authorised the following transfers from the Thames Embankment and Metropolis Improvement Fund Account, viz.—

To the Account of the Chief Cashier at the Bank of England for interest due 1st January, 1884, on the second Loan	£2,702	10	0
To the Account of the Receiver General of Inland Revenue for Income Tax thereon	57	10	0
To the Account of the Metropolitan Board of Works at the London and Westminster Bank, being the balance unappropriated of the Coal and Wine Duties for the quarter to 30th September, 1883 ...	66,723	19	7
	£69,483	19	7

The first two transfers are to be made as soon as the interest is due, and the other immediately.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) R. E. WELBY

The Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee.

43. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. W. Marsden, Clerk to the Vestry of Camberwell, dated 11th December, 1883, calling attention to a communication from Mr. Oliver, as to his intention to build blocks of Model Dwellings on the East side of Acorn-street, with gates enclosing the same; also directing attention to the fact of the proposed entrance to the road-way not being of the statutory width, and to there being no exit, also to the proposed road-ways, and the necessary sanitary arrangements to be enforced, and suggesting that a Clause should be inserted in the Board's next Various Powers Bill, with a view to remedy the defects in the existing statutes with regard to the erection of buildings of a similar character.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

44. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. C. J. Phipps, dated 13th December, 1883, stating that the whole of the alterations required by the Board under their Notice, had been completed at the Globe Theatre, and asking the Board to approve of the works, and to communicate with him and the Lord Chamberlain accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect do report to the Committee thereon.

45. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 11th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·6	17 0	17·2	8·2	6·5	7·3	0·4	0·2	0·3	None.
	Camden ..	16 8	16·1	16·4	9·9	8·3	9·0	0·3	0·1	0·2	„
	Dalston ..	17·1	16·4	16·7	11·2	9·9	10 6	0 0	0 0	0·0	„
	Bow . ..	17·4	16·7	17·1	18·8	12·8	15·2	0·9	0·6	0·7	„
	Chelsea	16·8	16·2	16·4	17·1	11·9	15·3	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·3	16·3	16·9	15·4	10·7	11·8	0·1	0·0	0·0	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)..	22 0	20·9	21·5	14·0	12·7	13·1	0·2	0·0	0·0	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	16·7	16·4	16 5	14·6	8·2	10·3	0.3	0·0	0·1	„
	Tooley-street ..	16·3	16·0	16·2	13·0	10·1	11·6	0·4	0·0	0·2	„
	Clapham ..	16·4	15·8	16·1	14·9	11·6	13·7	0 0	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham ..	16·9	16·0	16·6	22·0	9·3	13·8	0·8	0·4	0·7	„
Commercial Gas Company.. . ..	Old Ford ..	Station closed for repairs.									
	St. George-in-the-East ..	16 8	16·3	16 5	14·7	8·7	11·7	0·3	0·2	0·3	..

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company in High-street, Notting-hill, on the 5th instant at 8 p.m., was 2·7 inches.

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company in South Audley-street, on the 11th instant at 7.15 p.m., was 1.8 inches.

46. Chelsea.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Plumbe, on behalf of the Artizans' Labourers' and General Dwellings Company (Limited), for the consent of the Board to the erection of one-storey shops upon the forecourts of No. 214 to 220 Kilburn-lane, and No. 170 Fifth-avenue, also of two one-storey shops at No. 167 Fifth-avenue, abutting on Kilburn-lane, Queen's-park Estate, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

47. Fulham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December 1883, on the application of Mr. J. H. Wallis, for the approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of wooden balustrading erected at a house known as "The Willows," at Chiswick-mall, Hammersmith.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

48. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 5th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. R. Robson, on behalf of the School Board for London, for the consent of this Board to the erection of a building on a portion of the forecourt of the school building on the East side of Chatham-place, Morning-lane, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

49. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. Patterson, on behalf of Mr. J. Crawleys, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of barge-boards and half-timber work to the gable of a house in Hornsey-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

50. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. E. J. Chant, for the consent of the Board to the erection of three houses on the North side of George's-road, at the corner of Pack-horse-lane, to the line shown upon the amended Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that previously to the commencement of building operations, the space coloured Blue upon the Plan, be given up to form part of the public way, and that in other respects the erections be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

51. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Dormer, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to ten houses on the South side of Hemberton-road, Clapham-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

52. St. George, Hanover-square—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. J. Simpson and Son, on behalf of Mr. T. C. Baring, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey bay-window, upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 2, Grafton-street, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

53. St. Pancras—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. T. Nye, on behalf of Mr. D. Berry, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two houses, with shops, between Nos. 19 and 21, Fortess-road, Kentish-town, and the formation of a Mews at the rear of the proposed houses, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

54. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 11th December 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Goddard, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a projecting screen or pent in front of No. 2, Wycliffe-terrace, Lavender-hill, Battersea, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

55. Clerkenwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Grover, on behalf of the Vacuum Pump and Ice Machine Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft at the Company's premises in Farringdon-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction o

the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

56. Clerkenwell.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Pullen, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron building at the rear of No. 15, Chadwell-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, for a period of Two years from this date, upon condition that the Owner do accept the License prepared under the provisions of the Amendment Act, 1882, to secure the due removal of the building, and that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

57. St. Giles-in-the-Fields.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. F. Page, on behalf of the Edison Electric Light Company, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of a furnace chimney-shaft at No. 204, High Holborn.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

58. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. S. Birch, on behalf of Messrs. Hopton and Sons, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron framed and covered addition to a workshop at No. 67, George-street, Hampstead-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

59. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Lochhead, on behalf of Mr. G. Trash, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a wood and iron building upon land adjoining "The Mitre" Hotel, in Mitcham-road, Lower Tooting.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

60. Chelsea.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Lee and Pemberton, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a new street to lead out of Sloane-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

61. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect dated 13th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Spalding and Auld, on behalf of Messrs. Amos and Spalding, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the formation of a new street to lead out of the West side of High-street, Highgate.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

62. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. O. Jones, on behalf of the London Southern Tramways Company, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a car shed at the rear of the "Queen's Head" Public-house, in Stockwell-road, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the works be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

63. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th

December, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Freeman, on behalf of the Wandsworth and Putney Gas Light and Coke Company, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of an open shed at the Company's Gas-works, in Lower North-street.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. R. Jones, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report; and that the parties interested be invited to attend the Committee when the subject shall be considered.

64. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. M. Yetts, for the permission of the Board to substitute the name "Wavertree-road" for "Daysbrook-road" for a new road to lead out of Streatham-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, and that the name "Wavertree-road, S.W.," be approved.

65. Newington.—Read a communication from Mr. George Lansdown, District Surveyor under the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, for the District of East Newington and part of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, dated 6th December, 1883, notifying that certain alterations at No. 14, New Kent-road, were about to be carried out under his professional superintendence, and requesting the Board to appoint some other Surveyor as the District Surveyor to superintend such works. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved, and ordered, as follows—Whereas, Mr. George Lansdown, District Surveyor for the District of East Newington and part of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, did on the 6th day of December, 1883, give notice to this Board that he, the said George Lansdown was engaged to act professionally in respect of certain alterations at No. 14, New Kent-road, and the said George Lansdown has been since the said date, and now is, engaged to act professionally as aforesaid. Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Board—That Mr. Edwin Richard Hewitt, District Surveyor for the District of St. Saviour, &c., Southwark, and the Northern Division of Lambeth, be appointed by this Board, and the said Edwin Richard Hewitt is hereby appointed to survey the said premises, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and to act as District Surveyor in respect thereof.

66. St. Martin-in-the-Fields.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. J. and A. E. Bull, on behalf of the Alcazar Company, Limited, for approval by the Board of Plans and Drawings of a proposed Theatre on the North side of Leicester-square, on the site of Nos. 5 and 6, Leicester-square, and premises in Lisle-street at the rear.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

67. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Croggon and Co., on behalf of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a temporary iron building at the premises known as the Manor House, in New-cross-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

68. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th December 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. Pawley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to four villas on the South-East side of Anerley-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

69. Metropolis.—The Superintending Architect presented a Report, as follows—

Superintending Architect's Department,
Spring-gardens,
14th December, 1883.

Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, Sec. 54.

Twenty-seventh Report on the Monthly Returns of District Surveyors.

A General Abstract of the Returns of Fees for the year 1882 is appended to this Report, together with a list showing the Revenues of the several Districts into which the Metropolis is divided.

The total of the gross fees received for the year is £50,281 5s. 6d., in respect of 28,519 works, of which nearly three-fourths were completed within the year.

The gross Fees received in 29 Districts varied from £73 to £589; in two of the Districts the receipts did not amount to £100; in three Districts the receipts were less than £300 each; in nine less than £400 each; in five less than £500 each; and in ten less than £600 each. In 38 Districts the receipts ranged from £616 to £2,170.

The expenses of District Offices amounted to £8,903 9s. 1d., and the sums abated or lost to £2,531 16s. 4d. Compared with the results of former years—1881-82—the present Abstract shows a decrease in the number of works.

	Works.	Fees received.
In 1856	14,654	£19,904 14 11
„ 1857	15,330	20,969 11 4
„ 1858	15,500	21,732 11 2
„ 1859	15,558	22,385 9 2
„ 1860	15,030	22,791 2 3
„ 1861	14,008	21,583 2 8
„ 1862	15,707	25,315 2 3
„ 1863	17,954	29,440 0 0
„ 1864	18,984	31,803 5 2
„ 1865	19,251	32,972 5 9
„ 1866	20,196	34,989 11 4
„ 1867	21,303	36,674 6 0
„ 1868	21,915	37,790 13 5
„ 1869	19,947	33,246 19 6
„ 1870	18,899	30,003 2 4
„ 1871	18,948	20,099 0 6
„ 1872	18,298	28,502 10 6
„ 1873	17,354	28,033 8 2
„ 1874	19,950	30,322 0 2
„ 1875	20,283	32,728 15 10
„ 1876	21,910	36,633 16 5
„ 1877	24,288	40,349 8 6
„ 1878	24,529	42,043 9 0
„ 1879	27,271	46,147 0 11
„ 1880	29,249	49,796 10 11
„ 1881	29,275	51,383 11 10
„ 1882	28,519	50,281 5 6

(Signed) GEORGE VULLIAMY,
Superintending Architect.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Report and Return be printed and circulated amongst the Members of the Board.

70. St. Marylebone.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 12th December, 1883, on Letters from Mr. A. Peebles, District Surveyor, and Mr. T. Verity, stating that a Disagreement having arisen between them relative to the construction of a portion of the proscenium wall of the Marylebone Theatre, Church-street, they, in accordance with the 30th Section of the Building Act, submitted the matter for the consideration of the Board.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the matter of Disagreement be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

71. CAMBERWELL.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 13th December, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, a License in respect of a temporary iron building to be erected on the North side of Turney-road, Dulwich.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

72. It was moved by Mr. Selway, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. Shepherd, and resolved—That the Board at its rising on Friday, the 21st instant, do stand adjourned to Friday, the 4th January, 1884, and that no Meetings of Committees be called (except in case of emergency) between the 21st December, 1883, and the 7th January, 1884.

Adjourned until Friday next, the 21st instant, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

No. 19.

At a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, on **Friday**, the **21st** day of **December**, 1883, under and by virtue of the Act of the 19th year of the reign of Queen Victoria, for the better Local Management of the Metropolis,

Present—Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James M. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., Chairman of the Board, in the Chair.

Thomas Henry Elam, Esq.	John Edwin Bradfield, Esq.	Borlase Hill Adams, Esq.
Henry Harben, Esq.	John Runtz, Esq.	George Pitney Meaden, Esq.
Donald Munro, Esq.	Robert Furniss, Esq.	William Robson, Esq.
Guildford Barker Richardson, Esq.	John Abbott, Esq.	Francis Hayman Fowler, Esq.
William Robbins Selway, Esq.	Frederick Ingoldby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Eng.	George Hill, Esq.
Charles Harris, Esq.	George Edwards, Esq.	John Jones, Esq.
William Urquhart, Esq.	William Shepherd, Esq.	Robert Freeman, Esq.
George Phillips, Esq.	Alfred Ewin, Esq.	John Tolhurst, Esq.
George Brown, Esq.	William Debenham, Esq.	Thomas Morrison Fairclough, Esq.
Edward Dresser Rogers, Esq.	William Halford Fell, Esq.	William James Wetenhall, Esq.
Robert Cox, Esq.	John Reddish, Esq.	
Robert Jones, Esq.	Thomas John White, Esq.	

1. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board, held on the 14th instant, were approved, and were signed by the Chairman, and by two other Members of the Board present at such Meeting.

2. Read a Letter, as follows—

The Board of Works for the Strand District,
5, Tavistock-street, Covent-garden, W.C.,
19th December, 1883.

Sir,—I am directed by the Board to bring under the attention of the Metropolitan Board of Works the circumstance that a public Laundry is now being constructed in Sheffield-street, Clare-market (within this district), immediately adjoining the public Slaughterhouse, a position which, having regard to the surroundings, and to the risk incurred from the impracticability of completely excluding infected articles of clothing, the Board considers open to serious objection, and I am to ask you to lay before your Board the enclosed copies of two Letters which have been addressed by the Medical Officer of Health to the Committee by which the public Laundry is now being constructed.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. M. JENKINS,
Clerk to the Board.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk, Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens.

The Letters referred to were laid before the Board.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, for consideration and report.

3. Mr. Harben handed in a Letter, as follows—

Vestry of the Parish of St. John, Hampstead,
Vestry-hall, Hampstead,
21st December, 1883.

Dear Sir,—I am desired by the Vestry of this Parish to draw the attention of the Metropolitan Board of Works to the buildings recently erected at the corner of West-end-lane and Finchley-road, which are at a less distance than 20 feet from the centre of West-end-lane, and which the Vestry are advised are in contravention of the 6th Section of the Metropolis Management and Building Acts Amendment Act, 1878.

The Vestry are advised that the exception at the end of that Section as to a street existing at the time of the passing of that Act applies only to a street in its ordinary and popular sense, and is there used as a distinction from road-way and road, which occur elsewhere throughout the Section. West-end-lane was a road at the time of the passing of the Act; but the Vestry are advised it neither was nor is a street, and therefore that it is not within the above-named exception.

In support of this view the Vestry have been referred to the recently reported decision of the House of Lords in the case of Robinson *v.* The Local Board of Barton-Eccles, L.R. 8 App., Cas. 798, and especially to the remarks of Lord Chancellor Selborne with reference to an interpretation Clause not over-ruling the natural meaning of a word as reported at pp. 801-2 in the same case.

It appears by Section 6 of the above-mentioned Act that proceedings must be instituted by the Metropolitan Board, and the Vestry urgently request that the Board will take the necessary steps to compel the owner or builder of the above-mentioned building to comply with the provisions of the above-mentioned Section 6, and to set back the building, so that the external wall shall be at a distance of not less than 20 feet from the centre of West-end-lane.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) THOS. BRIDGER,
Vestry Clerk.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.,
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

4. Mr. Harben, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

Report of the Finance Committee.

Spring-gardens, 14th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have examined the Pass Books of the Treasurer and Banker of the Board, together with the Statements prepared by your Accountant, and have ascertained the Cash Account to be as follows—

CONSOLIDATED CASH ACCOUNT—

Balance on 1st December, 1883		£546,272 3 9	
Receipts since that date, as per Statement presented this day		200,566 16 3	
			£746,839 – –
Payments since 1st December, 1883			329,289 6 1
Balance on 15th December, 1883 { viz: Cash Balance at Bank ...		£445,774 9 7	
Less Cheques not presented		28,324 15 8	
			£417,549 13 11

WAGES AND PETTY DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT—

Balance on 1st December, 1883		£ 589 7 3	
Receipts since that date		5,281 – 10	
			£5,870 8 1
Payments since 1st December, 1883			4,972 14 4
Balance on 15th December, 1883 { viz: Cash Balance at Bank ...		£916 1 6	
Less Cheques not presented		18 7 9	
			897 13 9
Total Cash Balances on 15th December, 1883			**£418,447 7 8**

Distribution of the Consolidated Cash Balance among the several Accounts, and Statement of Cheques in hand.

Heads of Accounts.	*Balances, 1st December, 1883.*		*Receipts and payments since the preceding date.*		*Balances, 15th December, 1883.*		*Cheques drawn but not issued.*
	At Debit.	*At Credit.*	*Receipts.*	*Payments.*	*At Debit.*	*At Credit.*	
Working Accounts—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General	184,259 19 1	...	91,162 10 1	14,752 15 –	107,850 4 –	...	...
Fire Brigade ...	...	199 12 3	157 14 2	3,613 10 10	3,256 4 5	...	...
Capital Accounts—							
General	...	1,240,132 2 11	2 4 6	282,268 7 11	...	957,865 19 6	1,500 – –
Fire Brigade ...	40,370 19 5	...	50 – –	880 2 2	41,201 1 7	...	...
Main Drainage and Main Sewers ...	114,213 1 11	...	...	1,144 18 4	115,358 – 3	...	...
Parks and Open Spaces	4,163 10 7	...	...	1,065 6 –	5,228 16 7	...	...
Albert Embankment	76 18 6	...	...	2 4 6	79 3 –	...	...
Northumberland Avenue	1,258 2 6	...	...	46 6 11	1,304 9 5	...	...
Queen Victoria Street	210 – –	...	...	...	210 – –	...	...
Streets (Act of 1872)	691 16 11	...	...	...	691 16 11	...	10,043 2 1
Appold Street ...	147 9 7	...	...	...	147 9 7	...	...
Streets (Act of 1877)	450,487 2 1	...	...	7,892 14 1	458,379 16 2	...	15,343 18 8
Tooley Street Extension (Act of 1882)	33,023 17 7	...	...	1,319 – 6	34,342 18 1	...	2,655 13 –
Thames Floods Prevention	6,059 12 3	...	...	63 19 4	6,123 11 7	...	...
Bridges (Act of 1881)	101,495 15 4	...	...	977 18 4	102,473 13 8	...	10,908 8 8
Bridges (Act of 1883)	25 10 –	...	...	11 11 –	37 1 –	...	...
Miscellaneous—							
Bridges (Act of 1877)	19,450 12 9	...	1 10 –	206 1 3	19,655 4 –	...	...
Dwelling House Improvement Fund...	...	19,427 19 4	...	6,462 8 5	...	13,218 9 5	3,242 3 6
Consolidated Loans Fund	...	242,431 – 10	108,939 19 –	8,559 17 3	...	342,811 2 7	15 3 9
Firemen's Savings Fund	...	15 16 11	252 18 6	22 4 3	6 7 4	...	...
	955,934 8 6	1,502,206 12 3	200,566 16 3	329,289 6 1	896,345 17 7	1,313,895 11 6	43,708 9 8
	£546,272 3 9				£417,549 13 11		

INVESTMENTS.

Firemen's Savings Fund	£3,620 8 5	...	Metropolitan Consolidated Stock.
General Capital Account	248,833 6 8	...	Treasury Bills due, 7th February, 1884.

Your Committee have had before them the following Statement, which they beg to submit for the information of your Honourable Board—

SUMS RECEIVED, from the 3rd to 15th December, 1883—

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.				
Assessments—			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Beckenham	£172 2 10			
Islington	19,573 14 7			
Kensington	21,957 6 5			
Lambeth	17,211 9 6			
Middle Temple	78 7 3			
Paddington	15,895 6 5			
St. George-in-the-East	2,633 6 6			
St. George-the-Martyr	3,122 18 3			
St. Luke, Middlesex	3,628 6 11			
Whitechapel	4,891 2 5			
Woolwich	1,597 19 7			
			90,762 - 8	
Fees—				
Re Construction of buildings (Building Act)	£5 - -			
„ Dangerous structures (Building Act)	275 3 11			
„ Gas-meter testing	24 16 6			
„ Petroleum licenses	15 10 -			
„ Explosives Act	2 - -			
			322 10 5	
Costs recovered—				
Re Loans	£35 16 -			
Law-costs	- 5 -			
			36 1 -	
Chemicals, &c., supplied to gas-testing stations, quarter to 30th September, 1883			35 4 3	
Plans, &c., sold			6 13 9	
				91,162 10 1
FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.				
Contributions by men towards rent			102 5 6	
Chimney-fire penalties			37 14 6	
Watching prémises			6 - -	
Attendance at ex-metropolitan fires			11 14 2	
				157 14 2
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT.				
Transfer from *Albert Embankment Account*, in re-payment of advances ...				2 4 6
FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.				
Transfer from *Fire Brigade Working Account*, in re-payment of advances ...				50 - -
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).				
Rent				1 10 -
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.				
Rent			2 18 6	
Sale (Goulston-street)			250 - -	
				252 18 6
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.				
Rent			1,240 19 3	
Loans—				
Interest	£2,130 16 3			
Re-payment	2,134 18 2			
			4,265 14 5	
Sales—				
Bethnal-green	£936 - -			
Clerkenwell	21,600 - -			
Northumberland-avenue	5,792 - 11			
			28,328 - 11	
Interest, *re* sale—				
Clerkenwell			188 6 4	
Proportion of rates—				
Piccadilly	£11 3 6			
Putney Bridge	3 4 6			
			14 8 -	
Carried forward			£34,037 8 11	91,626 17 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	34,037 8 11	91,626 17 3
Thames Embankment and Metropolis Improvement Fund— Residue of the coal and wine dues for the quarter ended 30th September, 1883	66,723 19 7	
Transfer from *General Working Account* in reimbursement of amount expended for charges of management of Metropolitan Consolidated Stock	8,178 10 6	
		108,939 19 -
		£200,566 16 3

Your Committee have also to report that they have examined the Certificates of the various principal Officers for the payment of the sums mentioned in the accompanying Statement, and have found the same correct, and they recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £203,820 11s. 2d., be paid.

There is included in the foregoing Statement a sum of £20 for the services of two Police-constables to watch the Board's Offices during the time that they were being cleaned in the autumnal Recess. Although it has been customary to have Constables to watch the Board's Offices under similar circumstances, there appears to have been, on this occasion, no express direction of the Board to engage their services, and your Committee recommend—

That an Order be passed approving of the course taken.

Your Committee have had before them Statements of certain sums payable to District Surveyors in respect of services in connection with Dangerous Structures, and for expenses of Shoring and Hoarding, and they recommend—

That the necessary Orders be made with respect to the same.

Pursuant to the Order of the Board of the 6th July, 1883 (No. 8), your Committee have had before them a Statement of the Salaries which will become payable to the Board's Officers on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £8,744 10s. 3d., which Statement has been approved by your Committee; and they beg to submit the same, and to recommend—

That the Board do pass an Order authorising the Treasurer to pay the several amounts on or after the 22nd instant.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, requesting payment of the Board's promised contributions towards the Improvements at Nos. 14, 15 and 16, Warwick-lane, and in Goodman's-yard, Minories, referred by the Board on the 30th ultimo (No. 24). On the 16th November last (No. 12), the Board agreed to contribute one-half of the net cost, not exceeding £1,113 and £4,346 respectively, of effecting the Improvements in question, on the usual Certificates of their Officers. Your Superintending Architect has reported the completion of the works, and your Accountant has certified that the sums of £2,226 and £8,692 have been expended in carrying out the same, and that there will be no re-coupment, the land acquired having been added to the public way. Your Committee therefore recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £1,113, in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the cost of the Improvement in front of Nos. 14, 15 and 16, Warwick-lane.

As the sum paid to the Commissioners (including the above £1,113) will nearly reach £30,000, the amount which your Committee are informed it was the Board's intention to pay to the Commissioners during the present year, your Committee propose in lieu of the £4,346 now being paid in respect of the Improvement at Goodman's-yard, that the sum of £1,000 only should be paid on account, leaving the balance to be paid in

January, and credited in the amount to be paid in 1884, and your Committee accordingly recommend—

That a Cheque be drawn for the sum of £1,000, in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers, on account of the Board's promised contribution towards the Improvement at Goodman's-yard, Minories.

Your Committee have considered the application of the Guardians of the Poor of Paddington, for a Loan of a sum of £18,000, referred by the Board on the 16th ultimo (No. 37). The Loan is required towards defraying the cost (estimated at £30,000) of erecting an Infirmary on the freehold land of the Guardians adjoining the Workhouse in Harrow-road, and the Board have already advanced £12,000. Your Superintending Architect has examined the Plans and Specification for the proposed works, which, he states, are of a substantial and durable character, and he suggests that the re-payment of the Loan might reasonably be spread over Thirty years. The Board will be in a position to make the advance in January, and, as there appears to be no objection thereto, your Committee recommend—

That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Guardians of Paddington, for a Loan of a sum of £18,000 towards the cost of erecting an Infirmary at their Workhouse be granted; that the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that it be taken up in January next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, calculated quarterly, and with the principal being re-paid by equal half-yearly payments within 30 years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to complete the Loan.

Your Committee have also to report that your Accountant has submitted to them a list of the Vestries, District Boards, &c., who have not paid the second moiety of the Precepts issued by the Board for the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate for the year 1884, which became due on the 1st instant. As it is desirable that the amounts due should be forthwith paid, your Committee recommend—

That a communication be addressed to the Vestries, and other Boards who are in default, to the effect that, on the expiration of three weeks from the 21st instant, it will become the duty of the Board to make Rates upon the several Parishes and Districts, &c., for all sums which may then remain due under the Precepts.

There is also due from several of the Vestries, &c., the contribution payable in respect of the property occupied by the Government, and your Committee recommend—

That application be made for payment of the same.

Your Accountant has reported that the sum of £3 6s. 7d. has been charged to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, and £1 1s. 4d. to the St. Giles' District Board, in respect of contributions for property not now occupied by the Government, and your Committee therefore recommend—

That those amounts be written off

Your Committee have further to report that the Precepts, which were issued by the Board on the 26th January last, and directed to the Societies of Lincoln's Inn and the Inner Temple, are still unpaid, and they recommend—

That Mr. Joseph Smith be appointed to levy in those places the amounts required to be raised, and that the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the necessary instruments of appointment.

Your Committee have also to report that the half-year's interest on £31,000 (the balance of the Main Drainage Loan of £4,200,000) will become due to the Bank of England on the 1st January next, and they recommend—

That a Cheque for £569 2s. 10d. be drawn on the General Working Account, and be paid to the Main Drainage Rate Account at the Bank of England.

Your Committee recommend—

That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be cancelled—

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4923.	1883. August 10th.	Glynes, W.	£350	0	0
„ 4924.	„ „	Milner, Miss E. E.	11	2	3
„ 4925.	„ „	Glynes, R.	350	0	0
„ 4926.	„ „	Milner, Miss Z. B.	11	2	3
„ 4927.	„ „	Glynes, W.	200	0	0
„ 4928.	„ „	Milner, Miss M. M.	188	17	9
„ 4929.	„ „	Milner, Miss A. L.	222	4	5
„ 4930.	„ „	Glynes, W., and others	166	13	4

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
DONALD MUNRO,
CHAS. HARRIS.

STATEMENT SUBMITTED WITH THE FOREGOING REPORT.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LEE CONSERVANCY BOARD—(2701)—						
3089 Dredging river-mud deposited by storm-water outfall at Old Ford, October and November, 1883	309	13	6			
COULSON, STOKES AND CO.—(2702)—						
3090 Ironmongery, tools, &c., for pumping-stations, quarter to 30th September, 1883	154	2	1			
HUNTER AND ENGLISH—(2690)—						
3091 Discharge-pipe, &c., for Abbey-mills pumping-station, June and October, 1883	280	4	4			
GLOVER, G., AND CO.—(2688)—						
3092 Gas-connections, repairs to meter, &c., Abbey-mills pumping-station, November, 1883	7	17	6			
WRIGHT, A., AND CO.—(2689)—						
3093 Station gas-meter for Crossness pumping-station, October, 1883 ...	3	15	–			
NICHOLS, W., AND SON—(2700)—						
3094 Boots for sluice-keepers, &c. (Area A), June to August, 1883 ...	22	1	–			
VEITCH, J., AND SON—(2653)—						
3095 Bulbs for parks, Embankment-gardens, &c., November, 1883 ...	77	2	–			
HORTON, B., AND SON—(2654 and 2572)—						
3096 Fencing, &c., at parks, commons, &c.—						
March to August, 1883 ... ... £88 17 6						
July to September, 1883 ... ... 36 19 –						
	125	16	6			
MESTON, J. F.—(2652)—						
3097 Fencing, iron-gratings, &c., for Embankment-gardens, Leicester-square, &c., quarter to 30th September, 1883	70	3	8			
BLACKMORE, T.—(2570)—						
3098 Carting and other work at Tooting-commons, July to September, 1883	46	14	1			
LAPTHORNE AND CO.—(2655)—						
3099 Laying on water to Long-pond, notice-boards, &c., at Clapham-common, July and August, 1883	39	8	11			
MACFARLANE BROTHERS—(2656)—						
3100 Repairs, &c., at sundry parks and open spaces, March to October, 1883	100	15	11			
MARENDAZ AND FISHER—(2657)—						
3101 Russia-mats for Finsbury-park, November, 1883	6	10	–			
PHILLIPS, W.—(2658)—						
3102 Turf for Victoria-embankment-gardens, November, 1883	8	8	–			
WRIGHT, C.—(2659)—						
3103 Turf for Southwark-park, October, 1883	10	–	–			
HILL AND SMITH—(2593)—						
3104 Wire-fencing for Finsbury-park, September, 1883	17	10	–			
WHATCOTT, J.—(2571)—						
3105 Boots for men at parks and open spaces, November, 1883 ...	13	16	–			
Carried forward	£1,293	18	6	...		

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	1,293 18 6	...
	GRIFFITHS, J. W.—(2765)—		
3106	Cleaning tubes and flues and underground works of boilers at Abbey-mills pumping-station, December, 1883	11 – –	
	GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(2745)—		
3107	Shoring, hoarding, &c., dangerous structures	108 10 4	
	DISTRICT SURVEYORS—Fees *re* dangerous structures—(2746)—		
3108	Carritt, E.	£7 2 6	
3109	Fletcher, B.	6 15 –	
3110	Fowler, C.	7 17 6	
3111	Grose, V. J.	2 10 –	
3112	Hayward, C. F.	2 12 6	
3113	Hewitt, E. R.	3 17 6	
3114	Jennings, J.	7 – –	
3115	Kerr, R.	8 2 6	
3116	Markham, S. S.	6 15 –	
3117	Meeson, F. R.	3 10 –	
3118	Notley, R. P.	2 5 –	
3119	Oliver, H.	8 5 –	
3120	Payne, A.	2 12 6	
3121	Tanner, A. W.	2 12 6	
3122	Walker, R.	2 5 –	
3123	Watson, T. H.	2 7 6	
3124	Woodthorpe, E.	5 2 6	
		81 12 6	
	ARNOLD, W.—(2740)—		
3125	Defendant's costs, *re* Pullen, (dangerous structure) ordered by the magistrate to be paid	4 4 –	
	INSPECTORS under Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act—(2651)— Allowances for services, quarter to 30th September, 1883—		
3126	Hunting, W.	£19 11 –	
3127	Ridler, F. H.	16 19 6	
3128	Woodger, E.	26 10 –	
3129	Broad, A....	30 19 6	
3130	Shaw, H. K.	92 10 –	
3131	Tegg, G.	9 19 –	
3132	Davis, H....	14 7 –	
3133	Ingersoll, F. R.	10 5 6	
3134	Springett, H.	33 12 6	
3135	Lupton, J. I.	12 17 6	
3136	Lowe, C.	7 17 9	
		275 9 3	
	GREENWOOD, J. AND J.—(2779)—		
3137	On account of contract (No. 674) for cleaning and painting at offices of the Board	304 – –	
	COMMISSIONERS OF METROPOLITAN POLICE (per Bank of England)—(2764)—		
3138	Attendance of constables at offices of the Board, August and September, 1883	20 –	
	SMITH, J., AND CO.—(2753)—		
3139	Stationery, account-books, &c., quarter to Lady-day, 1883 ...	680 2	
	ADAMS, R.—(2752)—		
3140	Springs for doors at offices, Spring-gardens, October, 1883 ...	3 3 –	
	VAUGHAN, S. G., AND CO.—(2713)—		
3141	Office-furniture and repairs, August to November, 1883 ...	27 3	
	WADESON, C. A.—(2755)–		
3142	Mounting plans, &c. October and December, 1883	12 3 2	
	Carried forward	£2,821 5 9	...

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	2,821	5	9		...	
	WATER for premises occupied by the Board—(2660)—						
3143	Kent Waterworks Co.	£5 10 –					
3144	New River Co.	100 – –					
					105	10	–
	HARDCASTLE, J.—(2762)—						
3145	Rent of storage-yard, Plumstead-common, 13 weeks to Christmas, 1883				2	5	
	HARDISTY AND RHODES—(2763)—						
3146	Two-quarters' rent of gas-meter testing-house, Westminster, due Christmas, 1883				22	10	–
	HOPKINSON, C., AND Co.—(2761)—						
3147	One-quarter's rent of offices, Nos. 10, 12, and 14, Spring-gardens, due Christmas, 1883				175	–	–
	KENNEDY, T. (late draughtsman)—(2709)—						
3148	One-month's retiring allowance, due 26th December, 1883				8	17	9
	DETHRIDGE, G. (late gas-meter inspector)—(2742)—						
3149	Salary from 26th September to 14th December, 1883	£48 7 –					
	Retiring allowance from 15th to 25th December, 1883	3 10 11					
					51	17	11
	WILLIAMS, SON AND WALLINGTON—(2781)—						
3150	On account of general jobbing works, quarter to Michaelmas, 1883				2,200	–	–
	OFFICERS' RETIRING ALLOWANCES, quarter to Christmas, 1883—(2744)—						
3151	Benson, W.	£22 10 –					
3152	Holland, T.	16 17 6					
3153	Taylor, W.	25 – –					
3154	Cooper, E.	100 – –					
3155	Grecnsill, F.	13 13 –					
3156	Rumble, R. A.	33 15 –					
3157	Gibson, T.	46 13 4					
3158	Lovegrove, J.	18 4 2					
3159	Pikesley, J.	5 16 8					
3160	Napier, H. W.	13 15 –					
					296	4	8
	JUDD AND Co.—(2711)—						
3161	Parliamentary printing, July, 1883, *re* Metropolitan District Railway ventilation				18	9	6
	BANK OF ENGLAND—(2757)—						
3162	Half-year's interest on balance of loan of £100,000, due 30th December, 1883 (less tax)				954	13	9
	PROFESSIONAL CHARGES in connection with Metropolitan Sewage Discharge Commission—(2758)—						
3163	Abel, Sir F. A.	£689 17 –					
3164	Bazalgette, C. N.	769 5 –					
3165	Corner, Dr. F. M.	5 5 –					
3166	Collman, Dr. H. W.	5 5 –					
3167	Dickson, Dr. W.	7 7 –					
3168	Dixon, Dr. J.	5 5 –					
3169	Dupré, Dr. A.	1,672 5 –					
3170	Easton, E., and Co.	181 14 –					
3171	Flower, Major E.	157 10 –					
3172	Griffith, Surgeon-Major C. W.	7 7 –					
3173	Gunther, Dr. A.	123 17 –					
3174	Law and Chatterton	3,337 8 –					
3175	Lett, Dr. F.	5 15 6					
3176	Mason, Dr.	5 5 –					
3177	Maxwell, Dr. F.	6 6 –					
3178	Michael, W. H.	1,469 9 6					
	Carried forward	£8,449 1 –			6,656	14	10

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	6,656 14 10	...
	PROFESSIONAL CHARGES in connection with Metropolitan Sewage Discharge Commission—(*continued*) £8,449 1		
3179	Miller, Captain W. ... ... 2 2 –		
3180	Odling, Professor W. ... ... 400 – –		
3181	Roworth, Dr. A. T. ... . 3 3 –		
3182	Sorby, Dr. H. C. ... ... 2,057 1 –		
3183	Tatham, Dr. R. G.... ... ... 5 5 –		
3184	Tripe, Dr. 203 4		
3185	Voelcker, Dr. A. 518 14		
3186	Wise, Dr. A. ... ... 5 5 –		
		11,643 15 –	
			18,300 9 10

FIRE BRIGADE WORKING ACCOUNT.

	WOOD, F. AND F. J.—(2699)—		
1100	Repairs at stations, December, 1882, to May, 1883	20 5 3	
	DAVIS BROTHERS—(2698)—		
1101	Repairs at stations, August and September, 1883	6 – 11	
	FALKIRK IRON CO.—(2696)—		
1102	Repairs at stations, June to September, 1883	12 11 7	
	STREEK, W. J.—(2695)—		
1103	Repairs at Woolwich station, June and August, 1883	4 5 8	
	STIMPSON AND CO.—(2694)—		
1104	Repairs at Fulham station, September, 1882, to March, 1883 ...	7 18 8	
	MOWLEM, J., AND CO.—(2692)—		
1105	Work at escape-standing, Bermondsey churchyard, September, 1883	75 – –	
	COULSON, STOKES AND CO.—(2704)—		
1106	Ironmongery, tools, and materials for use in workshops, July to September, 1883	174 1 11	
	SAX, J.—(2697)—		
1107	Electric-bells for stations, September to November, 1883 ...	128 – 10	
	BADDELEY BROTHERS—(2638)—		
1108	Dies and reward-medals, &c., November, 1883	26 2 6	
	UNITED TELEPHONE CO., LIMITED—(2691)—		
1109	One-year's rental of service to 30th November, 1883	20 – –	
	BEGGS, T., AND SON—(2693)—		
1110	Repairs to water-meter at Kensington station, July, 1883 ...	2 15 4	
	RENT OF STATIONS, ESCAPE-STANDINGS, &c., due Christmas, 1883—(2760)—		
1111	Dobrée, Mrs. C. ... ... £10 – –		
1112	Dethridge, F. ... ... 25 – –		
1113	Clarke, D. ... ... 10 – –		
1114	Tweedie, A. F. and R. W. ... ... 4 10 –		
1115	Crace, J. D. ... ... 15 – –		
1116	Insley, Rev. W. P. ... ... 3 15 –		
1117	Jenkins and Abbott 6 17 6		
1118	Salmon, S. ... ... 7 10 –		
1119	Lewisham Parochial Trustees ... ... 5 – –		
1120	Williams, James and Wason ... ... 6 5 –		
1121	Berry, T. ... ... 12 10 –		
1122	Peart, Mrs. H. ... ... 15 – –		
1123	Manning, C. J. ... ... 12 10 -		
1124	Starnes, J. S. ... ... 20 – –		
1125	Holmes, E. C., and Son ... ... 8 10 –		
1126	Union Assurance Office ... ... 15 – –		
1127	Whitbread and Co. ... ... 22 10 –		
1128	Brown and Rooke ... ... 10 – –		
1129	Wandsworth District Board of Works ... ... 7 10 –		
	Carried forward £217 7 6	477 2 8	18,300 9 10

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward	477 2 8	18,300 9 10
Rent of Stations, Escape-standings, &c. (*continued*) ...	£217 7 6		
1130	Barclay and Co.	26 5	
1131	Hooper, H.	2 10 –	
1132	Chadwick, R.	9 – –	
1133	Cocks, R.	13 – –	
1134	Evelyn Estate Agency	3 15 –	
1135	Pilcher, J. G.	10 10 –	
1136	Read, T.	25 – –	
1137	Covington, Rev. W.	7 10 –	
1138	Lee and Pemberton	11 5	
1139	Outhwaite, J.	41 5 –	
1140	Fielder, J. H.	5 –	
1141	Ratcliff, H.	2 12 –	
1142	Shadwell Estate Agency	20	
1143	Heath, W. C.	10 16 –	
		405 15 6	
Officers' Retiring-allowances, quarter to Christmas, 1883—(2743)—			
1144	Morris, G.	£10 –	
1145	Holloway, W.	7 10 –	
1146	Cooper, G.	5 – –	
1147	Flinn, W.	27 3 10	
1148	Gerrard, G.	27 3 10	
1149	Smart, W. T.	36 8 –	
1150	Piggott, W.	27 3 10	
1151	Barton, J....	26 2 2	
1152	Bridgman, J.	9 15	
1153	Bridge, J....	27 3 10	
1154	Nisbett, H.	13 – –	
1155	Robbins, G.	24 9 8	
1156	Johnson, A.	24 9 8	
1157	Brown, W. C.	14 16 10	
1158	Wood, S. J.	14 16 10	
1159	Clarke, W. F.	9 15 –	
1160	Bull, G.	19 10 –	
1161	Holmden, A.	33 8 4	
1162	Helps, S.	13 16 3	
1163	Mason, J.	13 13 –	
1164	Brundell, J.	21 3 7	
1165	McNutt, F. W.	13 – –	
1166	Taylor, W. H.	5 11 6	
		425 1 2	
			1,307 19 4

FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Reading, C. W.—(2708 and 2707)—			
1167	Balance of amount of contract and extras for erection of station at Theobald's-road, Holborn (No. 565)	111 17 1	
1168	Further on account of contract for erection of station at Great Scotland-yard, Charing-cross (No. 588)	1,463 15 3	
Stimpson and Co.—(2706)—			
1169	Further on account of contract for works at Head-quarters station (No. 627)	1,500 –	
			3,075 12 4

MAIN DRAINAGE AND MAIN SEWERS.

Waddell, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—(2770)—			
1030	Further on account of contract for construction of Sewers, &c., in Clapham, Battersea, Wandsworth, Putney, &c. (No. 614) ...	3,250 16 –	
Mowlem, J., and Co.—(2771)—			
1031	Final payment in respect of contract and extras for construction of sewer, &c., from Deptford-broadway to Lee-green (No. 563)	1,635 – 9	
	Carried forward	£4,885 16 9	22,684 1 6

	£ s d	£ s. d.
Brought forward	4.885 16 9	22,684 1 6
POLLARD, J.—(2747)—		
1032 Professional charges, and as witness, *re* Willesden Local Board ...	12 1 6	
JACKSON, J.—(2712)—		
1033 Witness's charges, *re* Willesden Local Board	3 3 –	
		4,901 1 3
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE.		
YOUNG, H., AND Co.—(2780)—		
267 Final payment in respect of contract for supplying, finishing and fixing lamp-standards and refuge-posts (No. 650)		400 – –
STREETS (ACT OF 1877).		
GRIFFITHS, J. J.—(2773 and 2772)—		
6662 Final payment in respect of contract and extras for paving and other works at Tooley-street and Queen Elizabeth-street, Horselydown, &c. (No. 590)...	503 11 1	
6663 Final payment in respect of contract and extras for paving and other works at Frecschool-street, Thornton-street, &c., Bermondsey (No. 610)	1,343 18 1	
PACK BROTHERS—(2718)—		
6664 Return of amount deposited with the Board as security with respect to foot-ways, &c., in connection with premises at Peckham ...	27 –	
SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION—(2748)—		
6665 Hire of rooms for arbitration, *re* Stock (Gray's-inn-road) ...	2 12 6	
		1,877 1 8
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1881).		
WADDELL, J., per the Royal Bank of Scotland—(2776)—		
570 Further on account of contract for construction of new bridge at Putney (No. 597)	6,386 – –	
MOSS, G.—(2777)—		
571 On account of contract for alteration at Deptford-creek bridge (No. 654)	1,000 – –	
		7,386 – –
BRIDGES (ACT OF 1877).		
PENSIONS to officers and toll-collectors of bridge companies, half-year to 26th December, 1883—(2741)—		
572 Wake, J. C.	9 6 –	
573 Hester, G.	17 11 –	
574 Green, R.	13 17 9	
575 Chasemore, A.	52 10 9	
576 Caldow, E.	24 15 –	
577 Piercy, M.	19 16 7	
578 Glasson, G.	66 2 2	
		203 19 3
DWELLING HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND.		
COLEPEPER, F. H.—(2775)—		
5045 Further on account of contract for paving and other works at Cartwright-street, Whitechapel (No. 639)		408 13 3
CONSOLIDATED LOANS FUND.		
MACEY, J. M., AND SONS—(2778)—		
979 Further on account of contract for alterations and additions to the London Pavilion Music-hall (No. 665)	400 – –	
HARRILD, H.—(2760)—		
980 One-quarter's rent of No. 27½, Farringdon-street (sub-let), due Christmas, 1883	16 5 –	
BANK OF ENGLAND—(3-1884)—		
981 One-quarter's dividend on £3½ per cent. Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, due 5th January, 1884	148,612 17 –	
		149,029 2 –
Carried forward		£186,889 18 11

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	...	186,889 18 11

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.

BESLEY, E. T. E.—(2750)—

1315 Counsel's fees, July to November, 1883—

General Working Account	43 16 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	9 19 –	
		53 15 6

STEWART, A.—(2751)—

1316 Counsel's fees, July, 1883—

Streets (*Act of* 1872)	2 4 6	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)	4 9 –	
		6 13 6

PETT, W.—(2754)—

1317 Repairs to premises occupied by tenants of the Board, August and September, 1883—

Consolidated Loans Fund	396 7 5	
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	12 – 3	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	221 3 1	
		629 10 9

STREET BROTHERS—(2716)—

1318 Advertisements, October, 1883—

General Working Account	29 3 6	
Consolidated Loans Fund	25 18 –	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	28 14 2	
		83 15 8

WOOD, J., AND HARRIS, J.—(2766)—

1319 Commission on weekly rents collected by them, November, 1883—

Consolidated Loans Fund	21 11 7	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	– 11 9	
		22 3

PHILLIPS, J. AND J.—(2717)—

1320 Fair-copying, stamps, &c., September, 1883—

General Working Account	70 7 –	
Streets (*Act of* 1877)...	30 5 11	
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)	2 5 2	
Dwelling House Improvement Fund	3 11 10	
		106 9 11

BANK OF ENGLAND—(2756 and 2—1884)—

1321 *General Working Account*—

Half-year's interest on balance of loan of £46,000, due 23rd December, 1883 (less tax) 439 3 1

Consolidated Loans Fund—

Eighteenth instalment in repayment 1,533 6 8

	1,972 9 9

1322 *General Working Account*—

Half-year's interest on balance of loan of £100,000, due 1st January, 1884 (less tax) 1,028 2 6

Consolidated Loans Fund—

Seventeenth instalment in repayment 3,333 6 8

	4,361 9 2

MOWLEM, J., AND CO.—(2774)—

1323 On account of general jobbing-works, quarter to Michaelmas, 1883—

General Working Account	2,300 – –	
Northumberland-avenue	200 – –	
		2,500 – –

DYSON AND CO.—(2795)—

1324 Charges in respect of Parliamentary proceedings, Session, 1883 ... 1,561 – 6

Amounts paid by them—

For House-fees, printing, short-hand-notes, &c., &c. £1,935 13 –

„ fees of taxation of Bill 58 5 4

1,993 18 4

3,554 18 10

Less, advance on account ... ... 1,400 – –

	2,154 18 10
Carried forward	£198,781 5 4

			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward		...	198,781 5 4
Dyson and Co. (*continued*)—				
	General Working Account	£805 16 2		
	Streets (*Act of* 1877)	403 11 4		
	Bridges (*Act of* 1883)	911 – –		
	Dwelling House Improvement Fund	34 11 4		
		£2,154 18 10		
Transfer to Wages and Petty Disbursement Account—(2705)—				
	Repayment of advances—			
1325	Petty disbursements, 26th November to 8th December, 1883—			
	a General Working Account	£95 17 7		
	b Fire Brigade Working Account ... £7 10 5			
	Fire Brigade Capital Account ... 2 16 2			
		10 6 7		
	c Main Drainage and Main Sewers	1 15 11		
	d Thames Floods Prevention	5 3 6		
	e Sundry Accounts	– 11 9		
		£113 15 4		
	Salary of J. Spake, deceased, to 7th November, 1883—			
	f General Working Account	2 13 7		
	Weekly pensions, to 8th December, 1883—			
	g Fire Brigade Working Account	8 3 4		
	Costs of production of deeds, *re* St. George and others (Tooley-street)—			
	h Streets (*Act of* 1877)	1 1 –		
	Copies of documents, *re* Drew—			
	i Bridges (*Act of* 1877)	1 4 4		
	Compensation to weekly tenants on removal—			
	j Dwelling House Improvement Fund	21 – –		
	Rates for premises occupied by weekly tenants—			
	k Consolidated Loans Fund	3 16 –		
	Postages, 26th November to 8th December, 1883—			
	l General Working Account ... £50 – –			
	Fire Brigade Working Account ... 5 – –			
		55 – –		
			206 7 7	
	Fees to Clerks of the Peace and others, on the deposit of Parliamentary plans, November, 1883—			
	m General Working Account	£33 7 5		
	Costs relating to trial, *re* Willesden Local Board—			
	n Main Drainage and Main Sewers	9 14 8		
	Special Jury expenses, *re* the Lion Brewery Company (Piccadilly)—			
	o Street Improvements (*Act of* 1877)	29 12 –		
			72 14 1	
	Weekly wages, two weeks to 12th December, 1883—			
	p General Working Account	£1,839 16 4		
	Fire Brigade Working Account	3 19 2		
	General Capital Account	6 6 –		
	Fire Brigade Capital Account	31 – –		
	Main Drainage and Main Sewers	131 – –		
	Parks and Open Spaces	34 2 –		
	Streets (*Act of* 1877)	23 7 –		
	Streets (*Act of* 1883)	1 10 –		
	Hampstead Improvements	2 – –		
	Thames Floods Prevention	71 6 3		
	Carried forward	£2,144 6 9	279 1 8	198,781 5 4

			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward			279 1 8	198,781 5 4
TRANSFER TO WAGES, &c., ACCOUNT (*continued*) ...		£2,144 6 9		
Bridges (*Act of* 1881)		23 5 –		
Bridges (*Act of* 1883)		3 17 –		
Bridges (*Act of* 1877)...		22 4 –		
Dwelling House Improvement Fund		51 17 3		
Consolidated Loans Fund		21 16 –		
			2,267 6 –	
Firemen's wages, two weeks to 15th December, 1883—				
q Fire Brigade Working Account			2,002 13 9	
			£4,549 1 5	
Amounts to be paid through the Account—				
Accounts for sums under £2—				
r General Working Account—				
Lipscombe and Co.—Water-filter for offices	£1 1 –			
Sugg, W., and Co.—Lighting-apparatus for offices... ...	– 12 –			
Stanley, W. D.—Drawing-instruments	1 15 –			
Negretti and Zambra—Thermometers for Board's library ...	– 8 –			
Rumsay, W.—Plants for Hackney Commons...	– 15 –			
East London Waterworks Co.—Water for gas-meter testing-house, Shoreditch	1 5			
District Surveyors—Fees, *re* dangerous structures	18 10 –			
		24 6 –		
s Fire Brigade Working Account—				
Pierce, J.—Bells for Tooting station	£1 12 6			
Gas-meter Co.—Repairs to meter, Stoke Newington station ...	– 17 6			
Hudson and Sons—Rent of escape-standing, Greenwich	1 5 –			
		3 15 –		
t Consolidated Loans Fund—				
Chadwick and Son—Distraining for rent, 25, Grafton-street, Soho		1 – –		
		£29 1 –		
Rates and taxes for premises occupied by the Board or taken for Improvements—				
u General Working Account		256 7 1		
v Fire Brigade Working Account		128 14 5		
w Consolidated Loans Fund		53 15 1		
x Dwelling House Improvement Fund		– 19 4		
Insurance of premises taken by the Board (Piccadilly)—				
y Consolidated Loans Fund		21 7 6		
			490 4 5	
				5,039 5 10
				£203,820 11 2

Certified,
(*signed*) A. GUNN,
Accountant.

Examined,
(*signed*) HENRY HARBEN,
WILLIAM URQUHART
THOS. J WHITE,
DONALD MUNRO
CHAS. HARRIS.

Report of receipts in respect of the second moiety (due on the 1st instant) of the Assessments made by the Board on the 26th day of January, 1883, for raising the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate for the Year 1883, submitted with the Report of the Committee.

No.	Parishes, Districts, and Parts.	Paid to the Treasurer to the 15th day of December, 1883.	Unpaid on the 15th day of December, 1883.	Government Property Contributions Unpaid.	
				1883.	1882.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	City of London	40,270 10 5	...	...	...
2	Saint Marylebone	...	18,358 12 10	83 16 6	...
3	Saint Pancras...	...	19,354 5 11	47 11 2	...
4	Lambeth	17,211 9 6	...	...	...
5	Saint George, Hanover-square	...	22,216 6 1	152 10 1	...
6	Islington, Saint Mary	19,573 14 7	...	...	...
7	Shoreditch, Saint Leonard	...	*7,670 14 11	...	...
8	Paddington	15,895 6 5	...	...	...
9	Saint Mathew, Bethnal Green... ...	...	4,803 16 10	...	...
10	Saint Mary, Newington, Surrey ...	...	5,332 6 10	...	...
11	Camberwell	11,185 14 5	...	...	...
12	Saint James, Westminster	...	8,791 12 9	...	...
13	Saint James and Saint John, Clerkenwell	...	4,331 14 7	...	...
14	Chelsea	...	6,456 12 –	...	...
15	Kensington, Saint Mary Abbot	21,957 6 5	...	...	...
16	Saint Luke, Middlesex	3,628 6 11	...	...	...
17	Saint George-the-Martyr, Southwark ...	3,122 18 3	...	...	...
18	Bermondsey	...	5,181 16 2	...	...
19	Saint George-in-the-East	2,633 6 6	...	...	...
20	Saint Martin-in-the-Fields	...	5,250 4 10	...	...
21	Hamlet of Mile-end Old Town	...	*4,449 13 4	...	...
22	Woolwich	1,597 19 7	...	1 077 7 7	...
23	Rotherhithe	...	2,570 12 2	5 14 5	...
24	Saint John, Hampstead	...	*5,756 4 6	...	...
25	Whitechapel District	4,891 2 5	...	...	...
26	Westminster ditto	...	7,982 3 11	1 310 18 9	...
27	Greenwich ditto	...	8,279 4 7	...	...
28	Wandsworth ditto	...	16,056 1 –	...	...
29	Hackney ditto	...	12,627 19 5	2 9 –	...
30	Saint Giles ditto	...	4,775 8 1	90 14 3	...
31	Holborn ditto	...	3,838 1 1	...	...
32	Strand ditto	...	5,810 2 2	...	...
33	Fulham ditto	...	7,636 3 1	...	...
34	Limehouse ditto	4,199 18 1	...	6 2 6	6 1 8
35	Poplar ditto	...	8,993 4 1	12 7 –	...
36	Saint Saviour's ditto	4,030 18 –	...	5 6 6	...
37	Plumstead ditto	...	4,185 15 5	589 19 3	...
38	Lewisham ditto	...	7,130 15 –	1 18 4	...
39	Saint Olave ditto	...	* 2,712 16 6	...	...
40	The Charter House	...	156 17 –	...	...
41	Gray's Inn	...	200 8 4	...	...
42	The Close of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter	15 7 4	...	...	...
43	Inner Temple, 1st and 2nd moieties ...	...	143 6 3	...	...
44	Middle Temple	78 7 3	...	...	...
45	Lincoln's Inn, 1st and 2nd moieties ...	...	120 14 1	...	...
46	Staple Inn	17 3 1	...	...	...
47	Furnival's Inn	24 8 2	...	...	...
48	Hornsey	1,121 7 5	...	...	...
49	South Hornsey	...	461 13 1	...	...
50	Beckenham	172 2 10	...	...	...
	Total £	151,627 7 7	211,635 6 10	3,386 15 4	6 1 8
		£363,262 14 5		£3,392 17 –	

* Paid since the meeting of the Committee.

(Signed) ARTHUR GUNN,
Accountant.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the sums specified in the

Statement submitted by the Committee, amounting in the whole to £203,820 11s. 2d., be paid.

Cheques were thereupon signed by two Members of the Board present at the Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the expense incurred for the services of the Police-constables to watch the Board's Offices during the autumnal Recess be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That Fees, as specified in the Three series of Accounts now presented to this Board, and numbered from 1 to 30, and also specified in the Summaries of such Accounts, now presented to this Board, and signed by their Clerk, and marked A to C inclusive, be paid to the respective District Surveyors mentioned in the following Abstract, for services performed by them in connection with Dangerous Structures in the Metropolis, not being within the City of London, such services being the surveying and reporting, by direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the second part of the Metropolitan Building Act, 1855, and pursuant to the Metropolitan Building Act, 1869, on Structures reported to be in a dangerous state, and also special services performed by them in cases in which special services have been required to be performed under the Second part of the Second Schedule of such Act.

No.	Name of District Surveyor.	No. of Cases.	Payable by Owners.	No. of Cases.	Not payable by Owners.	Total.
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Badger, C. J.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
2	Blashill, T.	1	– 17 6	2	1 – –	1 17 6
3	Bovill, A.	1	– 12 6	...	...	– 12 6
4	Carritt, E.	5	7 2 6	...	...	7 2 6
5	Conder, A.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
6	Drury, E. D....	1	1 7 6	...	...	1 7 6
7	Fletcher, B.	7	6 15 –	...	...	6 15 –
8	Foulsham, C.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
9	Fowler, C.	7	7 17 6	...	...	7 17 6
10	Grose, V. J.	2	2 10 –	...	...	2 10 –
11	Hammon, H. J.	1	1 5 –	...	...	1 5 –
12	Hayward, C. F.	3	2 12 6	...	...	2 12 6
13	Hewitt, E. R.	3	3 17 6	...	...	3 17 6
14	Jarvis, H.	1	– 17 6	...	...	– 17 6
15	Jennings, J.	3	7 – –	...	...	7 – –
16	Kerr, R.	4	8 2 6	...	...	8 2 6
17	McDonell, G.	1	1 2 6	...	...	1 2 6
18	Markham, S. S.	7	6 15 –	...	...	6 15 –
19	Meeson, F. R.	2	3 10 –	...	...	3 10 –
20	Notley, R. P.	2	2 5 –	...	...	2 5 –
21	Oliver, H.	7	8 5 –	...	...	8 5 –
22	Payne, A.	2	1 17 6	2	– 15 –	2 12 6
23	Peebles, A.	1	1 – –	...	...	1 – –
24	Plumbe, R.	1	– 15 –	...	...	– 15 –
25	Quilter, J. S.	2	1 17 6	...	...	1 17 6
26	Smith, T. R....	1	– 15 –	...	...	– 15 –
27	Tanner, A. W.	3	2 12 6	...	...	2 12 6
28	Walker, R.	1	2 5 –	...	...	2 5 –
29	Wallen, F.	1	1 12 6		...	1 12 6
30	Watson, T. H.	2	1 10 –	1	– 17 6	2 7 6
31	Willis, T. W....	1	– 15 –	...	..	– 15 –
32	Woodthorpe, E.	7	5 2 6	...	...	5 2 6
33	Woodward, J. A. J.	2	1 12 6	...	...	1 12 6
		85	97 10 –	5	2 12 6	100 2 6

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the undermentioned expenses, incident to shoring and hoarding Dangerous Structures, under the Metropolitan Building Acts, 1855 and 1869, be charged to the Owners of the respective

properties, together with other expenses affecting the same, and be recovered according to law.

Case No.	Premises.	Amount.
		£ s. d.
27,399	93, St. Martin's-lane, St. Martin-in-the-Fields...	4 14 5
28,080	125, Pentonville-road, Clerkenwell	2 4 11
28,089	25, Upper Montague-street, St. Marylebone	38 13 1
28,146	51, Collier-street, Clerkenwell	6 16 3
28,333	"Sugar Loaf" Public-house, Betts-street, St. George-in-the-East ...	11 11 9
28,424	128, Chatsworth-road, Hackney	15 7 3
28,425	The "Arrow" Public-house, Holmbrook-street, Hackney	13 11 10
28,434	24, Friar-street, St. George, Southwark	1 2 5
28,526	72, Beresford-street, Walworth	14 8 5
		108 10 4

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the Statement, now submitted, showing the Salaries which will become payable to the Officers of the Board on the 25th instant, amounting to the sum of £8,744 10s. 3d., be approved, and that the Treasurer of the Board, the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, be authorised to pay, on and after the 22nd instant, the several sums specified in such Statement to the persons entitled to receive the same.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £1,113, in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, being the amount of the Board's promised contribution towards the cost of the Improvement in front of Nos. 14, 15, and 16, Warwick-lane.

It was moved Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn for the sum of £1,000, in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, on account of the Board's promised contribution towards the Improvement in Goodman's-yard, Minories.

A Cheque for £2,113 was thereupon drawn on the General Capital Account.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That, subject to all necessary or proper consents being obtained, to the satisfaction of the Solicitor, the application of the Guardians of the Poor of Paddington for the Loan of a sum of £18,000 towards the cost of erecting an Infirmary on land adjoining their Workhouse in Harrow-road, be granted; that the amount be advanced by the Board, out of their Consolidated Loans Fund, on condition that it be taken up in January next, interest being charged thereon at the rate of £3 10s. per centum per annum, calculated quarterly, and, with the principal, being re-paid by half-yearly payments within a period of 30 years; and that it be referred to the Solicitor to take the necessary measures for completing the Loan.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the several Vestries, District Boards, &c., who have made default in payment of the second moiety of the sums named in the Precepts issued by the Board for the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate for the year 1883, which became due on the 1st instant, be informed that, on the expiration of Twenty-one days from this date, it will become the duty of the Board to make Rates upon the several Parishes, &c., for levying all sums which may then remain due under such Precepts.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the several Vestries and District Boards who have not paid the amount due from them in respect of the contribution for Government property be applied to for payment of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the sum of £3 6s. 7d., charged to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover-square, and the sum of £1 1s. 4d.,

charged to the St. Giles's District Board, in respect of contributions for property not now occupied by the Government be written off.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the necessary steps be forthwith taken for the preparation of Rates on Lincoln's-inn and the Inner Temple, for the Consolidated Rate for the year 1883.

The Clerk reported that the sum of £241 8s. 2d., mentioned in the Precept, dated 26th January, 1883, in respect of the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate, and addressed to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's-inn, was still unpaid.

And it being made to appear to the Board that the Honourable Society of Lincoln's-inn had neglected and failed to obey the Precept of the Board, issued on the 26th January, 1883, in respect of the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate, and duly served upon the said Society,

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That Joseph Smith be appointed to levy in Lincoln's-inn the money required by this Board, amounting to £241 8s. 2d., as follows, that is to say—

Whereas, at a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held on the 26th day of January, 1883, at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, under and by virtue of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts for amending, extending, and varying the same, and the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Act, 1869, the said Board did issue their Precept under their Common Seal, to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's-inn, being one of the places mentioned in Schedule C to the said Act of 1855, and did thereby require them to pay to the London and Westminster Bank, No. 1, St. James's-square, in the City of Westminster, Treasurer and Banker of the said Metropolitan Board, in respect of the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate, the sum of £241 8s. 2d., in manner following—that is to say: the sum of £120 14s. 1d., part thereof, on or before the 1st day of June, 1883, and the sum of £120 14s. 1d., residue thereof, on or before the 1st day of December, 1883, the said sum of £241 8s. 2d., being the amount by law chargeable upon the said Lincoln's-inn for payment of principal and interest of, and Sinking Fund for, securities granted before the passing of the Metropolitan Board of Works Loans (Act), 1869, and also for all other purposes of the Board to which the said Society is liable, as set forth in the said Precept; and which said sum of £241 8s. 2d. the said Metropolitan Board did, on the 26th day of January, 1883, ascertain and assess upon the said Lincoln's-inn as a portion of the said Metropolitan Consolidated Rate, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Acts in that behalf. And whereas the said Precept was duly served upon the said Society, and the said Society have neglected and failed to pay the said sum of £241 8s. 2d. within the times and in the manner mentioned, and as required by the said Precept, and the said sum, and every part thereof, is still unpaid. And whereas it has been resolved at a Meeting of the said Board, held at their Office in Spring-gardens, in the said County of Middlesex, this day, that you, Joseph Smith, should be appointed to levy in the said Lincoln's-inn the said sum required by the said Metropolitan Board to be paid by the said Society in respect of the said Precept. Now, the said Metropolitan Board do, by this Instrument, under their Common Seal, appoint you, the said Joseph Smith, in conformity with the said Resolution, to levy, forthwith, in the said Lincoln's-inn, in accordance with the said Assessment and Precept, and in conformity with the said Acts, the said sum of £241 8s. 2d., mentioned in the said Precept, and required by this Board for the purposes aforesaid, and to levy in addition to the said sum of £241 8s. 2d. all the expenses of, and incidental to, the preparing, making, collecting, and levying any Rate which may be made by you for the purpose of raising the said sum.

The Clerk laid before the Board the said Instrument of Appointment of the said Joseph Smith.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the said Instrument of Appointment be approved and adopted; that the Common Seal of the Board be affixed

thereto, and that the same, when sealed, be delivered to the said Joseph Smith as his appointment to levy the said sum mentioned in the Precept, amounting to £241 8s. 2d. together with all the expenses of, and incidental to, the preparing, making, collecting, and levying any Rate which may be made by him for the purpose of raising the said sum; and the Seal of the Board was affixed to such Instrument of Appointment accordingly.

The Clerk reported that the sum of £286 12s. 6d., mentioned in the Precept, dated 26th January, 1883, in respect of the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate, and addressed to the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, was still unpaid.

And it being made to appear to the Board that the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple had neglected and failed to obey the Precept of the Board, issued on the 26th January, 1883, in respect of the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate, and duly served upon the said Society.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That Joseph Smith be appointed to levy in the Inner Temple the money required by this Board, amounting to £286 12s. 6d. as follows, that is to say—

Whereas, at a Meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works, held on the 26th day of January, 1883, at the Office of the Board, Spring-gardens, under and by virtue of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts for amending, extending, and varying the same, and the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Act, 1869, the said Board did issue their Precept under their Common Seal to the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, being one of the places mentioned in Schedule C to the said Act of 1855, and did thereby require them to pay to the London and Westminster Bank, No. 1, St. James's-square, in the City of Westminster, Treasurer and Banker of the said Metropolitan Board, in respect of the said Metropolitan Consolidated Rate, the sum of £286 12s. 6d., in manner following—that is to say—the sum of £143 6s. 3d., part thereof, on or before the 1st day of June 1883, and the sum of £143 6s. 3d., residue thereof, on or before the 1st day of December, 1883, the said sum of £286 12s. 6d. being the amount by law chargeable upon the said Inner Temple for payment of principal and interest of, and Sinking Fund for, securities granted before the passing of the Metropolitan Board of Works (Loans) Act, 1869, and also for all other purposes of the Board to which the said Society is liable, as set forth in the said Precept; and which sum of £286 12s. 6d. the said Metropolitan Board did, on the 26th day of January, 1883, ascertain and assess upon the said Inner Temple as a portion of the said Metropolitan Consolidated Rate, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Acts in that behalf. And whereas the said Precept was duly served upon the said Society, and the said Society have neglected and failed to pay the said sum of £286 12s. 6d. within the times and in the manner mentioned, and as required by the said Precept, and the said sum and every part thereof is still unpaid. And whereas it has been resolved at a Meeting of the said Board, held at their Office in Spring-gardens, in the said County of Middlesex, this day, that you, Joseph Smith, should be appointed to levy in the said Inner Temple, the said sum required by the said Metropolitan Board to be paid by the said Society in respect of the said Precept. Now, the said Metropolitan Board do, by this Instrument, under their Common Seal, appoint you, the said Joseph Smith, in conformity with the said Resolution, to levy, forthwith, in the said Inner Temple, in accordance with the said Assessment and Precept, and in conformity with the said Acts, the said sum of £286 12s. 6d. mentioned in the said Precept, and required by this Board for the purposes aforesaid, and to levy, in addition to the said sum of £286 12s. 6d. all the expenses of, and incidental to, the preparing, making, collecting, and levying any Rate which may be made by you for the purpose of raising the said sum.

The Clerk laid before the Board the said Instrument of Appointment of the said Joseph Smith.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the said Instrument of Appointment be approved and adopted; that the Common Seal of the Board be affixed thereto, and that the same, when sealed, be delivered to the said Joseph Smith, as his appointment to levy the said sum mentioned in the said Precept, amounting to £286 12s. 6d. together with all the expenses of, and incidental to, the preparing, making, collecting, and levying any Rate which may be made by him, for the purpose of raising the said sum; and the Seal of the Board was affixed to such Instrument of Appointment accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the said Joseph Smith do enter into a joint and several Bond, with one surety in the sum of £200, conditioned for faithfully levying the said amounts in Lincoln's-inn and the Inner Temple, and duly paying the same to the Treasurer and Banker of this Board.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque be now drawn on the General Working Account for the sum of £569 2s. 10d., for the half-year's interest on the balance of the Main Drainage Loan, becoming due on the 1st January next, and that it be paid to the Main Drainage Rate Account at the Bank of England; and a Cheque was drawn accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Harben, seconded, and resolved—That the following Cheques, which have been drawn longer than Three months, be now cancelled—

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

No. 4923.	1883.	August 10th.	Glynes, W.	£350	0	0
,, 4924.	,,	,,	Milner, Miss E. E.	11	2	3
,, 4925.	,,	,,	Glynes, R.	350	0	0
,, 4926.	,,	,,	Milner, Miss Z. B.	11	2	3
,, 4927.	,,	,,	Glynes, W....	200	0	0
,, 4928.	,,	,,	Milner, Miss M. M.	188	17	9
,, 4929.	,,	,,	Milner, Miss A. L.	222	4	5
,, 4930.	,,	,,	Glynes, W., and others ...	166	13	4

And the said Cheques were cancelled accordingly.

5. Mr. Selway, the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 17th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under the authority conferred upon them by the Board, they have drawn Cheques for the following amounts—

	Streets (*Act of* 1872).	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Metropolitan Railway Company (Old-street)—(2179)—			
	Metropolitan Railway Company—		
4819	Purchase-money and Compensation for right to maintain in perpetuity, Farringdon-road Bridge	7,500 - -	
4820	Interest thereon from 22nd April, 1875, to 19th December, 1883, less 8 years' Rent, to 22nd April, 1883 (less Tax)	2,543 2 1	
			10,043 2 1
	Streets (*Act of* 1877).		
Re Murphy (Camberwell)—(2720)—			
	Sandilands, Humphry and Armstrong—		
6637	Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	20 - -	
	Carried forward	£20 - -	10,043 2 1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	20	–	–	10,043	2	1
Re Offord (Camberwell)—(2721)—						
Low, G.—						
6638 Surveyors' charges, as per Order of Committee ...	14	3	6			
Re Arden (Piccadilly)—(2722)—						
Bank of England, for Chancery—						
6639 Purchase-money for Freehold of Nos. 26 and 27, King-street, Soho	2,900	–	–			
Farebrother, Ellis and Co.—						
6640 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	29	8	–			
Phillips, J. and J.—						
6641 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	14	10	–			
Re Joseph Smith (Piccadilly)—(2723)—						
Smith, Joseph—						
6642 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in Nos. 3 and 4, Little Earl-street and No. 57, Dudley-street	600	–	–			
Allen and Son—						
6643 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	10	10	–			
Re Thomas (Kentish-town-road)—(2724)—						
Hicks and Son—						
6644 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	7	1	10			
Re Rutter (Piccadilly)—(2725)—						
Rutter, J.—						
6645 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 42, Bloomsbury-street, and business Compensation	2,225	–	–			
Arber, Rutter and Waghorn—						
6646 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	26	5	–			
Hedge, E.—						
6647 Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee ...	5	5	–			
Re Vellenzer (Piccadilly, &c.)—(2726)—						
Vellenzer, J.—						
6648 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 67, Dudley-street, Soho, including Trade Compensation	1,600	–	–			
Eves, A., and Sons—						
6649 Surveyors' Charges, as per Contract	27	6	–			
Re Simons (Piccadilly, &c.)—(2727)—						
Simons, I.—						
6650 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 7, Bloomsbury-street, and Trade Compensation	1,200	–	–			
Baines, C., and Ball—						
6651 Surveyors' Charges, as per Contract	23	2	–			
Emanuel and Simmonds—						
6652 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	7	7	–			
Carried forward	£8,709	18	4	10,043	2	1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	8,709	18	4	10,043	2	1
Re Solomons (Piccadilly)—(2728)—						
Solomons, A.—						
6653 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 21, Broad-street, including business Compensation	1,400	–	–			
Baines, C., and Ball—						
6655 Surveyors' Charges, as per Contract	24	3	–			
Re Pointing's Executors (Piccadilly)—(2729)—						
Vallance and Vallance—						
6655 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	17	19	–			
Re White (Piccadilly)—(2730)—						
Jones, H. C.—						
6656 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 4, Grafton-street, Soho	400	–	–			
Fuller and Fuller—						
6657 Surveyors' Fee, as per Order of Committee ...	11	11	–			
Jones, H. C.—						
6658 Preliminary Costs, as per Order of Committee...	6	6	–			
Re Nassau-street Chapel (Piccadilly)—(2731)—						
Mather, A. S.—						
6659 Costs of production of Deeds	2	–	4			
Re Downes (Piccadilly)—(2732)—						
Downes, J.—						
6660 Compensation for removal from No. 25, Grafton-street, Soho	25	–	–			
Re Stock (Kentish-town-road)—(2714)—						
Clutton, H. S.—						
6661 Umpire's Fee and Costs of Award	54	5	3			
				10,651	2	8
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).						
Re Joseph—(2733)—						
Joseph, Mrs. Mary—						
64 Purchase-money and Compensation for Leasehold interest in No. 117, Tooley-street ...	350	–	–			
Baines, C., and Ball—						
65 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	11	11	–			
Re Saffery and Huntley—(2734)—						
Saffery, E. P. M., and Huntley, G. T.—						
66 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in No. 191, Tooley-street ... ... £511 – –						
67 Trade Compensation ... ... 1,289 – –						
	1,800	–	–			
Baines, C., and Ball—						
68 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	30	9	–			
				2,192	–	–
Carried forward				£22,886	4	9

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		22,886 4 9
Bridges (*Act of* 1881).		
Re Finlaison (Putney)—(2735)—		
Finlaison, A. G.—		
565 Purchase-money for Leasehold interest in part of ornamental Garden-ground belonging to No. 3, The Terrace, Putney	60 – –	
Re Fisher (Putney)—(2736)—		
Bank of England, for Chancery—		
566 Purchase-money for Freehold interest in piece of ground in Church-row, Fulham, part of the Vicarage garden and premises, and part of graveyard and shed, Fulham	3,500 – –	
Smiths and Gore—		
567 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract	32 11 –	
Jennings, White and Milles—		
568 Preliminary Costs, as per Contract	10 10 –	
Phillips, J. and J.—		
569 Stamp-duty on Conveyance	17 10 –	
	———	3,620 11 –
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.		
Re Worthington (Whitecross-street)—(2737)—		
Godden, H. J.—		
5039 Costs of Title and Conveyance, and of Petition for payment out of Court	173 5 –	
Re Dyer (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2738)—		
Lamb, Brooks and Sherwood—		
5040 Costs of Arbitration	8 8 –	
Prockter, R.—(2739)—		
Costs of Arbitration—		
5041 *Re* Crossingham (Goulston-street) £18 16 8		
,, Freeman ... ,, ... 13 1 10		
,, Satchell ... ,, ... 15 3 10		
,, Davis ... ,, ... 33 8 2		
—— ———	80 10 6	
	———	262 3 6
		£26,768 19 3

Your Committee have also drawn Cheques as follows in lieu of Cheques cancelled in consequence of having been in hand longer than Three months—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Tooley-street Extension (*Act of* 1882).		
Re Day, Noakes and Co.—(1050)—		
Day, F., Noakes, J. T., and Noakes, W.—		
69 Purchase-money	450 – –	
Elkington and Son—		
70 Surveyors' Fee	13 13 –	
	———	463 13 –
Carried forward		£463 13 –

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward...		463 13 -

Dwelling House Improvement Fund.

Re Cumming (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2015)—		
Cumming, J., and Cumming, Mrs. C.—		
5042 Compensation	205 - -	
Re Colebrooke (Wells-street, Poplar)—(1437)—		
Colebrooke, Sir T. E., Bart., M.P., per Leefe, O.—		
5043 Purchase-money	534 15 -	
Baddeley, E.—		
5044 Surveyor's Fee	35 - -	
		774 15 -
		£1,238 8 -

Your Committee have further to report that they have authorised the Sub-Committee upon the examination of Accounts, in the event of further Cheques being required before the Christmas Recess, to examine the list of proposed payments, and to submit the same to the Board on Friday, the 21st instant, in order that Cheques may be drawn for the several amounts therein stated.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Report of your Engineer, referred to them on the 3rd August last (No. 17), on Letters from Messrs. E. Collins, W. Hall, C. Mackie and T. Clapton, complaining of nuisance from the open Stamford-brook Sewer (East Branch). It appears from the Report of your Engineer that immediately upon the receipt of the first complaints instructions were given to forthwith cleanse the Sewer, and to use lime, or chloride of lime in the operation. As a permanent work, your Engineer advises that the section of the Sewer from Old Oak-common-lane to the bend where it passes under the Canal should be filled up, and that a sewer (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size) should be constructed between the points B, C, and D upon the accompanying Plan. The length of the Sewer would, your Engineer states, be about 3,300 feet, and by its construction more than another mile of the open Stamford-brook, or Sewer from the Canal at C to the upper end of the covered Sewer at East Acton (E), could be freed from house drainage. A nuisance, extending over a great distance would be thus abolished, and that part of the Brook restored as far as possible to a natural stream for carrying off surface drainage. The cost of the new Sewer is estimated by your Engineer at £7,000. Your Committee, after a careful consideration of the question, concur in the view expressed by your Engineer, and recommend—

> That the suggested works be executed; that Drawings and a Specification be prepared accordingly; and that an Advertisement be issued inviting Tenders for the execution of the works.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Report by your Engineer, referred to them on the 3rd August last (No. 18), on a Letter from Mr. Watson, complaining of the offensive smells from the Sewer in Bridge-road, Hammersmith. Your Engineer states that the Sewer in Bridge-road, from the Broadway to the Low Level Sewer is an old dilapidated structure, 5 feet in diameter, and very flat, and that it used formerly to discharge into the River. The drainage at its upper end was diverted some years since, and a much smaller Sewer, with a better fall, would now serve the purpose. Your Engineer points out, moreover, that when Hammersmith Bridge is re-built, and the heaviest traffic passes over it, the present Sewer would not be safe. He therefore advises that a new Sewer (4 feet by 2 feet 8 inches in size and 1,400 feet in length) be constructed at an estimated cost of £3,000, inclusive of filling in the vacant space between the old and the new Sewer, and connecting all the existing drains with

the latter. Your Committee are of opinion that the course suggested by your Engineer should be adopted, and they recommend—

That the works be executed; that Drawings and a Specification be prepared accordingly, and that an Advertisement be issued inviting Tenders for the execution of the works.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Letter written by direction of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, referred to them on the 7th instant (No. 41), relative to the course taken by the Board with regard to the Official Representation under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, as to an unhealthy area in the neighbourhood of Salisbury-place and Foxlow-street, Bermondsey. Your Committee have caused a draft reply to the Letter to be prepared, and they beg to submit the same, and to recommend—

That it be approved and sent.

Your Committee have further to report that they have considered the Letter, referred to them on the 13th July last (No. 49), from the Vestry of St. James, Westminster, asking the Board to pass an Order for placing the portion of Wardour-street, South of Little Pulteney-street, under the exclusive management of the Vestry, for purposes of paving and cleansing; and the remainder of the carriage-way under the exclusive management of the Strand District Board, for the same purpose. Your Engineer, by direction of your Committee, has been in communication with the Officers of the Vestry of St. James, and the Strand District Board, and, in the result, he has advised that the division should be opposite the South side of Meard's-court, in which case the length to be maintained by the Strand District Board would be 110 feet in excess of that to be maintained by the St. James's Vestry, but, on the other hand, the area of paving to be maintained by the St. James's Vestry would be 272 superficial yards in excess of that to be maintained by the Strand District Board. This appears to your Engineer to be a fair division, inasmuch as the wear and tear is greater on a longer and narrower street than upon a shorter and wider street. Your Committee concur in that view, and they recommend—

That an Order be made by the Board under their Common Seal accordingly.

In compliance with the reference by the Board of the 28th September last (No. 84), your Committee have considered the Letter addressed by Sir William Harcourt, Home Secretary, to the Chairman of the Board, suggesting the desirability of the question of holding Public Meetings in Southwark-park and on the Open Spaces under the control of the Board being treated as one of regulation and not of prohibition. Your Committee have also had before them the several other communications on the subject referred by the Board. In the present Report your Committee propose to deal only with the question so far as it relates to Southwark-park, the enquiries which are being made by the Parks, &c., Committee, with regard to the other spaces under the Board's control not having yet been completed. Your Committee, after giving the matter very careful consideration, and making an inspection of the Park with reference to the question, have arrived at the conclusion that the Board may be advised to set apart as a space for the holding of Public Meetings the site hatched Green upon the accompanying Plan, situated between the Hawkstone-road entrance to the Park and the Deptford Lower-road. Your Committee beg to recommend in accordance with that view, and that it be referred to the Parks, &c., Committee, to consider and report as to the Regulations necessary to be made for the holding of such Meetings. Your Committee further recommend—

That the Home Secretary be informed of the course proposed to be taken.

Your Committee have considered the Letter from Mr. J. Storey, referred by the Board on the 30th ultimo (No. 26), objecting to the proposal of the London School Board to appropriate a site in Baltic-street, St. Luke's, and to close the thoroughfare of Norway-street. It does not appear that it is a matter in which the Board can interfere, and your Committee recommend—

That Mr. Storey be informed to that effect.

Your Committee have to report, for the information of the Board, that they have, at the request of the St. Saviour's District Board, given directions for the withdrawal of the suggested Improvement at Bankside from the Bill to be promoted by the Board in the ensuing Session. The request has been made by the District Board in consequence of the estimated cost of the Improvement being much greater than was anticipated.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) J. McGAREL-HOGG,
W. R. SELWAY,
THOMAS H. ELAM,
JOHN RUNTZ,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER,
DONALD MUNRO,
GEO. EDWARDS,
WM. DEBENHAM,
A. EWIN,
G. P. MEADEN,
GEO. HILL.

The Plans and draft Letter, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report to be made this day by the Sub-Committee appointed by the Works and General Purposes Committee to examine certain Accounts, be received by the Board, and that Cheques be drawn for the several amounts required.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the complaints of nuisance from the open Stamford-brook Sewer (East Branch) be approved; that the portion of the Sewer between Old Oak-common-lane and the bend where it passes under the Canal be filled up, and that a Sewer be constructed, as shown on the Plan now submitted, at an estimated cost of £7,000; that Drawings and a Specification be prepared accordingly, and that an Advertisement be issued inviting Tenders for the execution of the works.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the complaint of nuisance from the Sewer in the Bridge-road, Hammersmith, be approved; that a Sewer be constructed, as shown on the Plan now submitted, at an estimated cost of £3,000; that Drawings and a Specification be prepared accordingly; and that an Advertisement be issued inviting Tenders for the execution of the work.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the draft reply, now submitted, to the Letter written by direction of the Home Secretary, relative to the course taken by the Board with regard to the Official Representation under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Acts, as to an unhealthy area in the neighbourhood of Salisbury-place and Foxlow-street, Bermondsey, be approved and sent.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That so much of the Report as relates to the future maintenance of Wardour-street, Soho, be approved.

And it was thereupon resolved and ordered, as follows—

Whereas the Vestry of St. James Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, has represented to the Metropolitan Board of Works that Wardour-street is situate in more than one Parish or District, namely in the Parish of St. James, Westminster, and in the District of the Strand Board of Works, both of which are within the Metropolis, as defined by the Metropolis Management Act, 1855. And whereas it has also been represented to this Board, by the Vestry of St. James, Westminster, that it would be convenient and proper that the whole width of the carriage-way of that part of Wardour-

street, South of Little Pulteney-street, so far as relates to paving and cleansing, should be placed under the exclusive management of the Vestry of St. James, Westminster, and that the expenses of such matters as aforesaid should be borne by the said Vestry of St. James Westminster; and as regards the remainder of the whole width of the carriage-way of Wardour-street, the same should, for the aforesaid purposes, be placed under the exclusive management of the Board of Works for the Strand District; and that the expenses of such matters as aforesaid should be borne by the last-mentioned District Board. Now, this Board, having considered the several matters, doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862, and to every authority in this behalf, resolve and order, as follows—That the whole width of the carriage-way of Wardour-street, from the South of Meard's-court to Coventry-street, shown on the Plan annexed thereto by a Red colour, shall henceforth be under the exclusive management of the Vestry of St. James, Westminster, for the purpose of paving and cleansing, and the remainder of the said carriage-way, extending from the South of Meard's-court to Oxford-street, shown on the Plan annexed hereto by a Blue colour, shall henceforth be under the exclusive management of the Board of Works for the Strand District, for the purpose of paving and cleansing, and that the cost of paving, cleansing, and maintaining the said carriage-way shall be borne by the said Vestry and District Board respectively, as follows, that is to say—As to all expenses aforesaid connected with or affecting the portion coloured Red of the said carriage-way, hereby placed under the management of the Vestry of St. James, Westminster, shall be borne henceforth by the said Vestry of St. James, Westminster, and as to all the expenses aforesaid connected with or affecting the portion coloured Blue of the said carriage-way, hereby placed under the management of the Board of Works for the Strand District, shall be henceforth borne by the said Board of Works for the Strand District.

The Clerk laid before the Board three copies of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the portion of Southwark-park, shown on the Plan now submitted, and situated between the Hawkstone-road entrance to the Park, and the Deptford Lower-road, be set apart as a site for the holding of Public Meetings, and that it be referred to the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, to consider and report as to the Regulations necessary to be made for the holding of such Meetings; and that the Home Secretary be informed, in reply to his Letter on the subject, of the course proposed to be taken by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Mr. Storey be informed, in reply to his Letter, objecting to the proposal of the London School Board to appropriate a site in Baltic-street, St. Luke, and to close the thoroughfare of Norway-street, that this Board are unable to interfere in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the course taken by the Committee in giving directions, at the request of the St. Saviour's District Board, for the withdrawal of the suggested Improvement at Bankside from the Bill to be promoted by this Board in the ensuing Session of Parliament be approved.

6. Mr. Selway brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE WORKS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ACCOUNTS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS.

Spring-gardens, 21st December, 1883

In pursuance of the Resolution of the Works and General Purposes Committee of the 17th instant, instructing the Sub-Committee, in the event of further Cheques being required before the Christmas Recess, to examine and submit to the Board the list of proposed payments in connection with the Board's Improvements, for which Cheques

are required to be drawn before the Board adjourn for the Recess, the Sub-Committee beg to report that they have this day considered a list of payments, and, having examined the Vouchers and Certificates of the various principal Officers for the same, and found the Accounts correct, they beg to present a statement of the amounts, and to recommend—

That the sums specified therein, amounting in the whole to £441 5s. 1d, be paid, and that Cheques be drawn accordingly.

The Sub-Committee beg to submit a marked Catalogue and Account of sale of building materials of about 180 houses and premises included in the Goulston-street Scheme, on the 4th October last, by Messrs. Horne, Eversfield and Co., showing the following result—

Produce of sale			£804 1 0
Commission at £7 10s. per cent	£60 6 0		
Allowance for materials lost	10 0 0		
		70 6 0	
		£733 15 0	

All which the Sub-Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) HENRY HARBEN,
CHAS. HARRIS,
DONALD MUNRO.

The Statement of the Cheques to be drawn, and the marked Catalogue and Account of the sale of building materials, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded by Mr. Harben, and resolved—That Cheques be now drawn, as follows—

Streets (*Act of* 1872).

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Re Elizabeth Roper, deceased (Shoreditch)—(2781)—		
Clarke, Rawlins and Co.—		
4820 Costs of Petition for payment out of £2,495 9s. 5d., Consols, as taxed		70 10 5

Streets (*Act of* 1877).

Re Offord (Camberwell)—(2872)—		
Turner, G.—		
6666 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.	19 15 2	
Re Thomas (Kentish-town)—(2783)—		
Hicks and Son—		
6667 Interest on Purchase-money from the date of the Board taking possession to the date of completion	1 9 3	
Re Betts (Deptford Bridge Approaches)—(2784)—		
Rae, John—		
6668 Commission on sale of Consols	4 4 7	
		25 9 –
Carried forward		£95 19 5

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward			95 19 5
Dwelling House Improvement Fund.			
Re Ball's Charity (Goulston-street)—			
Coutts and Co.—(2875)—			
5046 One-year's Rent-charge upon the Medows Estate (less Tax) ...	£25 2 8		
Cumming, S.—(2786)—			
5047 One year's Rent-charge upon the Medow's Estate (less Tax) ...	12 11 4		
		37 14 –	
Re W. Francis (Goulston-street)—(2787)—			
Francis, W.—			
5048 Purchase-money of freehold interest in stabling, sheds, and premises at rear of houses on the North side of Wentworth-street, as per Contract ...	£150 – –		
Fuller and Fuller—			
5049 Surveyors' Fee, as per Contract ...	7 7 –		
		157 7 –	
Re Bishop (Essex-road)—(2790)—			
Mills, Lockyer and Mills—			
5050 One moiety of costs of Petition for payment out of £745, as agreed		27 – –	
Re Colebrook (Wells-street, Poplar)—(2791)—			
Leefe, O.—			
5051 Preliminary Costs, and of Title, &c.		21 – –	
Re Stevens' Executors (Whitecross-street)—(2792)—			
Mills, Lockyer and Mills—			
5052 Costs of Petition for investment of £420 Consols, as agreed		24 9 –	
Re Worral's Charity (Whitecross-street)—(2793)—			
Vennings, Sons and Mannings—			
5053 Costs of Petition for transfer to Charity Commissioners of £1,045 15s., as agreed ...		32 2 10	
Re Profaze's Administrators (Little Coram-street)—(2794)—			
Freshfields and Williams—			
5054 Costs of Arbitration as certified by Sir H. A. Hunt		45 12 10	
			345 5 8
			£441 5 1

And Cheques were drawn accordingly.

7. Mr. Shepherd, the Chairman of the Building Act Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING ACT COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 11th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that they have proceeded upon the Resolution of the Board of the 12th November, 1883 (No. 6), referring back to them for further consideration and report, the subject of the incorporation of Herat-street, Virginia-road, with Turk-street, Bethnal-green, and the re-numbering of the houses. Your Committee

have received from the Whitechapel District Board a Letter, stating that they have no objection to the re-numbering of the houses in Brick-lane. The Vestry of Bethnal-green are in favour of the incorporation of Turk-street and Brick-lane. Your Committee beg to recommend—

That Brick-lane, Turk-street and Herat-street, Bethnal-green, be incorporated under the name "Brick-lane, E.," and that the houses be re-numbered.

Your Committee have to report that they have, pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22nd November, 1878 (No. 48), considered the following applications relative to the re-naming and re-numbering of various streets and places in the Metropolis, viz.—

Date.	Application.
21st June, 1883.	Vestry of Camberwell for re-naming Thomas-street, Sumner-road, and re-numbering the houses.
12 October, 1883.	Vestry of Chelsea, asking that fifteen streets on the Queen's-park Estate, Kensal-town, which are at present named alphabetically A to P, may be re-named.
24 February, 1881.	Vestry of Lambeth, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Parish.
22 April, 1882.	Vestry of Bethnal-green, for re-numbering the houses in various streets in the Parish.
2nd August, 1883.	Mr. J. W. Hudson, for re-numbering certain houses in Fellows-road, Hampstead.
2nd May, 1883.	Poplar District Board, for re-numbering the houses in Ordell-road, Bow.
15th May, 1883.	Plumstead District Board, for re-numbering the houses in Bennett-park, Blackheath.
5th July, 1883.	Mr. W. Shawe, for re-numbering houses in Calverley-grove, Hornsey-rise.
10th August, 1883.	Mr. M. Mumford, for re-numbering the houses in Palatine-road, Stoke Newington
12th October, 1883.	The Postmaster-General, for re-numbering the houses in Linford-street, Battersea.
16th October, 1883.	Mr. R. Swan and others, asking that Francis-street, Westminster-bridge-road may be re-named "Lanfranc-street."
25th October, 1883.	Town Council of Croydon, asking that the houses on the Northern side of Westow-hill may be re-numbered.
30th November, 1883.	Rev. R. R. Chope, for assigning the proper number to the house Southward of No. 118, at present numbered 117, Queen's-gate, Kensington.
21st October, 1883.	Mr. F. T. Norris, for re-naming St. Thomas-road, Upper Holloway.

Your Committee have received Reports from your Superintending Architect on the above-mentioned applications; they have also inspected Plans, prepared under his direction, showing the alterations which it is desirable to make in the naming and numbering of the several thoroughfares, and they recommend—

That Thomas-street, Sumner-road, Peekham, be re-named "Shields-street, S.E.," and the houses re-numbered.

That fifteen streets on the Queen's-park Estate, Kensal-town, Chelsea (detached), at present named alphabetically A to P, be re-named as follows—

A	Street.	Alperton-street, W.	I	Street.	Ilbert-street, W.
B	„	Barfett-street, „	K	„	Kilravock-street, „
C	„	Caird-street, „	L	„	Lothrop-street, „
D	„	Droop-street „	M	„	Marne-street, „
E	„	Enbrook-street, „	N	„	Nutbourne-street „
F	„	Farrant-street, „	O	„	Oliphant-street, „
G	„	Galton-street, „	P	„	Peach-street, „
H	„	Huxley-street, „			

That the subsidiary names in Gipsy-hill, Norwood, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Mount-street, Church-street, Bethnal-green, be re-numbered.

That the houses in Fellows-road, Hampstead, be re-numbered, where necessary, and the name "Cromwell-houses" abolished.

That the houses in Ordell-road, Bow, be re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Bennett-park, Blackheath, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the subsidiary names in Calverley-grove, Hornsey-rise, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That the houses in Palatine-road, Stoke Newington, be re-numbered, where necessary.

That the subsidiary names in Linford-street, Battersea, be abolished, and the houses re-numbered.

That Francis-street, Westminster-bridge-road, be re-named "Lanfranc-street, S.E."

That the houses on the Northern side of Westow-hill, Upper Norwood, be re-numbered and the subsidiary names abolished.

That the house in Queen's-gate, South Kensington, at present numbered 117, and immediately adjoining Southward the house numbered 118, be in future numbered and described as 117A, Queen's-gate.

That Mr. Norris be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to change the name of St. Thomas-road, Upper Holloway.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WM. SHEPHERD,
W. R. SELWAY,
JOHN RUNTZ,
WM. DEBENHAM,
DONALD MUNRO,
A. EWIN,
FRANCIS H. FOWLER.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the names of Brick-lane, Turk-street and Herat-street, in the respective Parishes of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, St. Mary, Whitechapel, and Christchurch, Spitalfields, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,210, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 303, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 324, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Turk-street and Herat-street, and any other name or names now in use in Brick-lane, Turk-street and Herat-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Brick-lane, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, and to the Board of Works for the Whitechapel District, respectively, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses

and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Thomas-street, in the Parish of Camberwell, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,211, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 9, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 24, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the name Thomas-street, and any other name or names now in use in Thomas-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Shields-street, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Camberwell, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That fifteen streets on the Queen's-park Estate, Kensal-town, in the Parish of Chelsea (detached), in the County of Middlesex, at present named alphabetically A to P, be re-named, as follows—

A	Street.	Alperton-street, W.	I	Street.	Ilbert-street, W.
B	,,	Barfett-street, ,,	K	,,	Kilravock-street, ,,
C	,,	Caird-street, ,,	L	,,	Lothrop-street, ,,
D	,,	Droop-street, ,,	M	,,	Marne-street ,,
E	,,	Enbrook-street, ,,	N	,,	Nutbourne-street ,,
F	,,	Farrant-street, ,,	O	,,	Oliphant-street, ,,
G	,,	Galton-street ,,	P	,,	Peach-street ,,
H	,,	Huxley-street ,,			

and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Chelsea, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Gipsy-hill, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,212, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 129, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 148, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the names Beaulieu-hill, Woodside-terrace, Norfolk-terrace, Camden-terrace, Beulah-cottages, Brunswick-cottages, Norwood-terrace, Gipsy-hill-vilias, Victoria-villas, Colby-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Gipsy-hill, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Gipsy-hill, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded

by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Mount-street, in the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,213, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 113, being assigned to the houses on the Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 94, to those on the Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the Southern end; that the existing numbers be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Mount-street, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Bethnal-green, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, certain houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Fellows-road, in the Parish of St. John, Hampstead, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,214, in lieu of certain existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 105 and ending with 157, being assigned to the houses on the Southern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 48 and ending with 148, to those on the Northern side; that the name Cromwell-houses, and certain existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Fellows-road, N.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Hampstead, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883 appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Ordell-road, in the Parish of St. Mary, Stratford-le-Bow, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,215, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 49, being assigned to the houses on the North-Eastern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 26, to those on the South-Western side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Tredegar-road; that the name Mostyn-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Ordell-road, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Ordell-road, E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Poplar District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolve, and it is hereby resolved and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in Bennett-park, in the Parish of Charlton, in the County of Kent, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked

3,216, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 45, being assigned to the houses on the Northern side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 46, to those on the Southern side; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Leamington-villas, Sunbury-villas, Brunswick-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Bennett-park, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that t he whole line be called "Bennett-park, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Plumstead District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses, and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Calverley-grove, in the Parish of St. Mary, Islington, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,217, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 63, being assigned to the houses on the North-Western side, and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 58, to those on the South-Eastern side; that such numbers do commence at the end nearest Nicholay-road; that the names Laurel-villas, Albert-terrace, Gladstone-terrace, Pyrland-villas, and any other name or names now in use in Calverley-grove, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Calverley-grove, N.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Islington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several irregularly numbered houses and premises on the Northern side of the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Palatine-road, in the Parish of St. Mary, Stoke Newington, in the County of Middlesex, be marked with even numbers, commencing with 50 and ending with 108, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,218, in lieu of the existing irregular numbers, as shown on the said Plan; that the existing irregular numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Palatine-road, N.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Hackney District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby resolbed and ordered, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises in the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Cobden-street or Linford-street, in the Parish of St. Mary, Battersea, in the County of Surrey, be marked with the numbers, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,219, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; the odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 67, being assigned to the houses

on the Eastern side; and the even numbers, commencing with 2 and ending with 80, to those on the Western side; that such numbers do commence at the Northern end; that the names Cobden-street, Leamington-place, George's-place, Ann's-place, Burrows-buildings, Oxford-terrace, and any other name or names now in use in Cobden-street, or Linford-street, and the existing numbers, be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Linford-street, S.W.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Board of Works for the Wandsworth District, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That Francis-street, Westminster-bridge-road, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be re-named "Lanfranc-street, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That, for the purpose of distinguishing the same, the several houses and premises on the Northern side of the line of thoroughfare known by the name of Westow-hill, in the Parish of Lambeth, in the County of Surrey, be marked with odd numbers, commencing with 1 and ending with 83, as shown by red figures on the Plan now produced, marked 3,220, in lieu of the existing numbers, as shown on the said Plan; that such numbers do commence at the Western end; that the names Otway-terrace, Beulah-terrace, Beulah-place, Belgrave-place, Percy-terrace, Bank-buildings, and the existing numbers on the Northern side be abolished; that the whole line of thoroughfare be called "Westow-hill, S.E.," and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Lambeth, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Report of the Building Act Committee of the 11th day of December, 1883, appointed by this Board, having been read and considered, this Board doth, pursuant to the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862,

Resolbe, and it is hereby **resolbed** and **ordered**, on the **motion** of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield—That the house in Queen's-gate, South Kensington, at present numbered 117, and immediately adjoining Southward the house numbered 118, be in future numbered and described as 117A, Queen's-gate, and that notice of this Order be given to the Vestry of Kensington, pursuant to the 87th Section of the said Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

It was **mobed** by Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Bradfield, and **resolbed**—That Mr. Norris be informed that the Board deem it inexpedient to change the name of St. Thomas-road, Upper Holloway.

8. Read a Letter from Lord Brabazon, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Public Garden, Boulevard and Playground Association, dated 19th December, 1883, stating that the Association had every reason to fear that the threatened building operations on the site of the disused Burial-ground, in Peel-grove, Bethnal-green, were likely to be commenced at an early period, and asking whether the Association might depend upon the Board's opposition to any scheme that might come before them with reference to using the ground as a building site.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That a communication be sent to Lord Brabazon explaining the action which the Board have already taken, and propose to take, with respect to the matter to which his Letter refers, and pointing out the restrictions imposed upon the Board by the existing law.

9. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Special Purposes and Sanitary Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSES AND SANITARY COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 21st December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that, under their direction, proceedings have been taken against Mr. James Judd, Junior, for unlawfully establishing anew the business of a Manure Manufacturer at a Railway Arch near Cobbett's-lane, Rotherhithe. The case was heard at the Greenwich Police-court on the 14th instant, when the Defendant was fined £5 and 2s. for costs.

Your Committee have further to report that they have had under consideration applications from the following persons for registration under the Infant Life Protection Act—

Mrs. Charlotte Talbot, No. 49, Faroe-road, Brook-green, Hammersmith, for the keeping of Two Infants.

Mrs. Eliza Manning, No. 51, Clarendon-square, St. Pancras, for the keeping of Two Infants.

In each case the applicant has submitted the necessary Certificate of character, and the accommodation provided appears to be suitable for the number of Infants proposed to be kept. Your Committee accordingly recommend—

That the applications be granted, and that the Board do make a Bye-law in each case fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises, as follows—

Mrs. Charlotte Talbot, No. 49, Faroe-road, Brook-green, Hammersmith, Two Infants.
Mrs. Eliza Manning, No. 51, Clarendon-square, St. Pancras, Two Infants.

Your Committee submit applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum, as under—

Mr. Leon Clerc, at Davey-road, Hackney-wick, 33,000 gallons.

Messrs. J. and J. Blott, Tar Distillery Works, Chrisp-street, Poplar.

Messrs. S. Bowley and Son, Albion Wharf, Wellington-road, Battersea, 1,600 gallons.

Messrs. Worringham and Co., at Blackhorse-road, Deptford, 500 gallons.

And they recommend—

That Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in accordance with the conditions named in the Special Licenses submitted herewith.

Your Committee also submit a list of 104 applications for Licenses to keep Petroleum, and they recommend—

That in 88 cases Licenses be granted to keep a quantity, not exceeding 10 gallons of Petroleum in each case, at the places named, and in accordance with the conditions of License No. 91; that in seven cases a License be granted to keep Petroleum at the places named, in a store situated and constructed in accordance with License No. 90; and that in nine cases special Licenses be granted to keep Petroleum in the manner described in such Licenses.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
FRED^K. INGOLDBY,
JOHN RUNTZ,
J. E. BRADFIELD.

The list of applications for Licenses to store Petroleum, submitted with the Report, was laid before the Board.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the following persons and

premises be registered under the Infant Life Protection Act, and that the Board do hereby make Bye-laws fixing the number of Infants allowed to be kept at such premises, as follows—

Mrs. Charlotte Talbot, No. 49, Faroe-street, Brook-green, Hammersmith, two Infants.

Mrs. Eliza Manning, No. 51, Clarendon-square, St. Pancras, two Infants.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That a License be granted to Mr. Leon Clerc, for a period of One year from this date, to keep 33,000 gallons of Petroleum at his premises in Davey-road, Hackney-wick, in accordance with the terms of the special License now submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That a License be granted to Messrs. J. and J. Blott and Co., for a period of One year from this date, to keep Petroleum at their Tar Distillery works in Chrisp-street, Poplar, in accordance with the terms of the special License now submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That a License be granted to Messrs. S. Bowley and Son, for a period of six months from this date, to keep 1,600 gallons of Petroleum, at Albion-Wharf, Wellington-road, Battersea, in accordance with the terms of the Special License now submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That a License be granted to Messrs. Worringham and Co., for a period of one year from this date, to keep 500 gallons of Petroleum at their premises in Blackhorse-road, Deptford, in accordance with the terms of the Special License now submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That Licenses be granted to the One hundred and four persons mentioned in the list submitted by the Committee, to keep Petroleum in the places and in the quantities stated in such Licenses, for a period of Twelve months from this date, subject to the conditions mentioned in the several Licenses.

The Licenses referred to in the foregoing Resolutions were laid before the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said Licenses; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

10. Mr. Fell, the Chairman of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878, Executive Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 21st December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report with respect to the Letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Smithfield Club, referred by the Board on the 9th ultimo (No. 53), notifying that the Cattle Show would commence at the Agricultural Hall on the 10th instant, and that the Club considered it desirable that a course similar to that pursued in previous years should be adopted with respect to providing a place for the reception of affected stock, and for cleansing and disinfecting the Hall. This was done under the personal superintendence of one of the Board's Cattle Inspectors, and no outbreak of contagious disease occurred. In consequence of the Order of the Privy Council, prohibiting the moving of animals out of the Metropolis, without a License, the Board, at the request of the Club, arranged for the issue of Licenses at the Hall, and 160 Licenses were granted, in respect of 323 animals removed.

Your Committee have further to report that, during the two weeks preceding the date of their meeting, outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth disease have occurred at three premises in the Metropolis. The aggregate number of stock on the premises was 76, of which 28 became affected. These were the only cases of the disease known to exist in the Metropolis at the date of this Report.

Your Committee have to report that, during the two weeks ended the 15th instant, Passes have been issued for the removal of 6,965 animals from the Metropolitan

Cattle Market out of the Metropolis for the purpose of slaughter, making a total of 73,147 animals so removed since the 1st July last.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. FELL,
FRED^K. INGOLDBY,
JOHN RUNTZ,
J. E. BRADFIELD.

The Report having been read,

It was moved by Mr. Fell, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

11. Mr. Munro, in the absence of Mr. Lloyd, the Chairman of the Parks, Commons, and Open Spaces Committee, brought up a Report, as follows—

REPORT OF THE PARKS, COMMONS, AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE.

Spring-gardens, 19th December, 1883.

Your Committee have to report that it is very desirable that a store-house should be erected in Finsbury-park for the reception of tools and similar implements used in connection with that Park and the Open Spaces North of the Thames, on which works are carried out under the supervision of the Park Superintendent. Your Committee find that there is a quantity of old material in the Park which can be utilised for the purpose, and that it will therefore only be necessary to obtain some bricks, slates, and similar articles in order to complete the erection of the building. The labour, also, with the exception of that required for slating, &c., can be provided by the staff at present employed in the Park. Your Committee recommend—

That the Board do sanction the employment of the necessary labour, and the purchase of the requisite material for the purpose above named.

Your Committee consider that a number of the seats now in the garden in Leicester-square should be stored, for the winter months, under the Charing-cross Railway Bridge, and that the whole of the seats in the garden should be re-painted, grained, and varnished, and they recommend that the work be done at an estimated cost of £31.

Your Committee have to report that, owing to the sinking of the ground, it becomes necessary to repair the brickwork of the piers of the entrance gates to Southwark-park, near the Lodge. Your Committee recommend—

That the work be executed at the estimated cost, viz , £28.

Under the authority given by the Board on the 7th instant, certain works of levelling and preparing for seed sowing, &c., are in progress on Hackney-downs, and, as it is desirable that the public should not be admitted to the ground now being prepared until the grass seed sown therein shall have become established, your Committee recommend—

That the ground be temporarily fenced in by wooden hurdles.

It will be necessary to obtain 300 hurdles for the purpose, at an estimated cost of £30, and your Committee beg to recommend that the expenditure be sanctioned.

Your Committee have further to report, with reference to Hackney-downs, that, for the recreation of the public, it is desirable that a path, 15 feet wide, should be formed between the rows of trees planted by the Board on the Downs, next Downs-road. Your Committee recommend—

That a gravel path, as shown on the Plan submitted herewith, be formed, at an estimated cost of £187.

Your Committee have also to report that, having regard to the state of portions of Tooting-beck-common, under the railway arches, and at similar points where, owing to the concentration of traffic, the ground is broken up and becomes almost impassable

in winter, it is desirable that coarse gravel should be spread in place of the clay now on the ground. For that purpose, your Committee recommend—

That an expenditure of £26 be sanctioned.

Under the provisions of the Hampstead-heath Act, 1871, power is reserved to the Lord of the Manor to form on the East Heath three roads, sixty feet in width, referred to on the deposited Plan as roads E, F and G. Your Committee have, in pursuance of the terms of the Act, had before them Plans and Sections showing the manner in which the Lord of the Manor, through his Agents, Messrs. Farebrother, Ellis, Clark and Co. proposes to form the roads in question. Your Committee have ascertained that the Plans are in strict conformity with the Act, and, such being the case, they are of opinion that the Board have no option but to formally signify their approval thereof. Your Committee beg to submit the Plans, and to recommend—

That they be approved.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the fact that the Board, on the 21st July, 1882 (No. 15), when sanctioning certain works in connection with a portion of the West-heath, Hampstead, used as a Ride, passed no Resolution as to whether the expenditure (£1,400) should be charged to Working or Capital Account. Having regard to the fact that the works are of a nature entirely different from any which have hitherto been executed on the portion of the Heath referred to, your Committee recommend—

That the Board do direct that the expenditure be charged to the Parks and Open Spaces Capital Account.

Under the authority conferred on them by the Board on the 13th June, 1873 (No. 13), your Committee have authorised the purchase of thermometers for use in Finsbury-park; and the purchase of mops and brooms for use in the Victoria Embankment-gardens; they have also directed that 1,000 pieces of turf be purchased for laying on the cricket-ground in Southwark-park, and that a pair of steps be purchased for the use of the men attending to the trees on Peckham-rye. Your Committee have likewise authorised the erection of fencing on Tooting-graveney-common, and the purchase of hand-lines for use, if necessary, in case of any accident at the ponds on Hampstead-heath, and Clapham-common. They have also directed your Engineer to re-instate the railings at the Victoria Embankment-gardens, displaced by the erection and removal of the Electric Light Company's building.

All which your Committee beg to submit.

(Signed) JOHN RUNTZ,
WM. SHEPHERD,
J. E. BRADFIELD,
GEO. EDWARDS,
DONALD MUNRO,
G. P. MEADEN,
GEO. HILL.

The Plans and Sections, submitted with the Report, were laid before the Boar d.

The Report having been read and received,

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the additional material necessary for erecting a store-house for tools in Finsbury-park be obtained, and that the employment of the requisite labour be sanctioned.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That certain of the seats in the garden at Leicester-square be stored for the winter under the Charing-cross Railway Bridge, and that each of the 48 seats now in the garden be re-painted, grained, and varnished, at an estimated cost of £31.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That certain repairs be executed

to the brickwork at the piers of the entrance gates to Southwark-park, near the Lodge, at an estimated cost of £28.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That 300 wooden hurdles be obtained, at an estimated cost of £30, for protecting the ground on Hackney-downs which has been prepared for sowing with grass seed, and that the ground be closed to the public until the seed sown therein shall have become established.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That a gravel footpath, 15 feet wide, be formed between the row of trees on Hackney-downs, next Downs-road, as shown on the Plan now submitted, at an estimated cost of £187.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That an expenditure of £26 be authorised for the purchase of coarse gravel for laying under the Railway arches and at other parts of Tooting-beck-common.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Plans and Sections of the roads (E, F and G) proposed to be formed by Messrs. Farebrother, Ellis, Clark and Co., on behalf of the Lord of the Manor of Hampstead, on the East Heath, in accordance with the terms of the Hampstead-heath Act, 1871, be, and the same are hereby, approved.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the cost of forming the ride on the West Heath, Hampstead, as authorised by the Board on the 21st July, 1882 (No. 15), be charged to the Parks and Open Spaces Capital Account.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the several other proceedings of the Committee, as mentioned in their Report, be approved.

12. The Clerk presented a Report, as follows—

Spring-gardens,
21st December, 1883.

I have to report that I have received Notices of proposed interference with the Sewers, or other property of the Board by the following schemes, and that, in accordance with the Resolution of the Board of Friday last (No. 28), I have sent back, except in the case of the Board's Notices, the printed forms which accompanied most of the Notices, stating that the Board dissent from each of the Bills. I have handed the Notices to the Engineer and the Superintending Architect, as the works interfered with are under the charge of one or other of those Officers—

	Notices
Railways—	
Croydon direct Railway Bill	3
Croydon, Norwood, Dulwich and London Railway	5
London and North-Western Railway	1
London and South-Western Railway (Various Powers)	7
London and South-Western and Metropolitan District Railway Companies	4
London Central Electric Railway	15
London, Reigate and Brighton Railway	4
London, Tilbury and Southend Railway	2
Metropolitan and London, Tilbury and Southend Railways	1
Metropolitan District Railway	1
Metropolitan Railway (Park Railway and Parliament-street Improvement)	1
Metropolitan Railway (Various Powers)	2
Mid-London Electric Railway	1
South-Eastern Railway (Various Powers)	
Tooting, Balham, and Brixton Railway	2
Tramways—	
London Eastern Tramways	2
London Tramways	1
North Metropolitan Tramways	2
South-East Metropolitan Tramways	1
West Metropolitan Tramways (Extension)	5
Western District Tramways	2

Miscellaneous—	*Notices.*
City of London and Southwark Subway	3
London and St. Katharine Docks Company	1
Lower Thames Steam Ferries	1
Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers)	13
Metropolitan Board of Works (Thames Crossings)	4
Tower (Duplex) Bridge	1
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(Signed) J. E. WAKEFIELD,
Clerk of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

13. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 21st December, 1883, on the undermentioned Sewerage works proposed to be executed by the following District Boards—

LOCALITY OF WORK.	WORK APPLIED FOR.			REMARKS.
	Length in feet.	Size.	Material.	
HACKNEY.				
Pond-lane, Colenso-road, and Saratoga-road, Lower Clapton.	790	18-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for
	490	15-inch.	Pipe.	
	350	12-inch.	Pipe.	
Durrington-road, Homerton.	800	15-inch.	Pipe.	
WANDSWORTH.				
Elmsleigh-road, East-hill.	350	12-inch.	Pipe.	Recommended as applied for.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said District Boards be permitted to construct and execute the works in the manner therein recommended.

14. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 21st December, 1883, on an application by the Vestry of Chelsea, for permission to stop up the undermentioned thoroughfare for the period and purpose therein mentioned, viz.—

Date of Application	Name of Street to be stopped up.	Object.	Time applied for.	Time recommended.	Street through which traffic will be diverted.
1883. 19th Dec.	Christchurch-street.....	Sewerage	2 weeks.	2 weeks.	Caversham-street.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the sanction of the Board be given, and the same is hereby given, to the closing of the thoroughfare in question by the Vestry of Chelsea, for the purpose of executing sewerage work therein, for the period recommended by the Engineer, such sanction to date from the commencement of the work.

15. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 21st December, 1883, submitting, in compliance with the Standing Order of the Board of the 17th April 1868 (No. 14), Reports with reference to the present condition of the works of the Bridges in course of construction by the Great Eastern and South-Western Railway Companies respectively.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Reports be received.

16. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th December, 1883, on Letters from Messrs. Neave and Son, applying for permission to connect eleven gullies on the North-West side of Kilburn-park-road with the main Ranelagh Sewer under that road, for the purpose of carrying off the surface water; stating that eight of the gullies were on

the Paddington side of the old line of the Ranelagh Sewer, and three on the Willesden side, as shown on the Plan accompanying his Report; that the present line of the Ranelagh Sewer was down the middle of Kilburn-park-road, and constituted the "amended boundary between Willesden and Paddington, as sanctioned by the Local Government Board, Session 1876"; and recommending that a reference should be made to the Solicitor to advise whether there is any legal objection to allowing the gullies or, at all events, the three (numbered 9, 10 and 11 on the Plan) which were on the Willesden side of both the old Ranelagh, and the new boundary between Willesden and Paddington, to be connected with the Board's Sewer.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto, and that the Solicitor do advise the Committee thereon.

17. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th December, 1883, on a Letter from Messrs. A. W. Bain and Co., relative to damage done to their van upon the site of the Gray's-inn-road Improvement works, and stating that they would hold the Board responsible for the payment of the cost of repairing the van; stating that it appeared that, notwithstanding that Notice-boards were erected at the barriers at either end of the works, intimating the stoppage of the traffic, some of the Contractor's men had admitted the complainants' van within the barriers, and having been driven on to the foot-way, it was overturned and thereby damaged, and that it rested with the Contractor to settle the matter; submitting a Letter from his Agent to the effect that he was in communication with Messrs. Bain and Co. thereon, and stating that it would therefore be unnecessary for the Board to take any action with regard to it.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved.

18. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th December, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. G. Edwards, the Acting Manager at the Savoy Theatre, applying for permission to erect a temporary lamp-post at Savoy-hill, partly on the Board's foot-way, and partly on the pavement belonging to the Strand District Board, to which the District Board had given their consent; recommending that the Board do also give the requisite permission, subject to the lamp-post being sanctioned as a temporary erection only, and to its being removed at any time when so required by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted, on the conditions recommended therein.

19. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th December, 1883, stating that the eight boilers in the North-West boiler-house at the Abbey-Mills Pumping Station were in need of repair; that they were at present in use, but would be put out of work early next month, and that the Superintendent at the Station had reported that it would not be safe to bring them into work again until the needed repairs had been effected; further stating that in October, 1881, the Works and General Purposes Committee had entrusted to Messrs. Fraser and Fraser the execution of similar repairs to the eight boilers in the South-East boiler-house, at a cost of £512, and that the firm had executed the works in a satisfactory manner, and recommending that they should forthwith execute the needed repairs to the boilers in the North-West boiler-house, for a sum of £550, in accordance with their Estimate, submitted with the Report.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the repairs be executed accordingly, the cost thereof being charged to the General Account of the Board.

20. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 21st December, 1883, recommending that labour be supplied, under the Board's Contract for General Works in District B, for executing certain repairs to the Boilers at the Crossness Pumping Station, at an estimated cost of £40.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the labour be supplied accordingly, the cost being charged to the General Account of the Board.

21. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 21st December, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. Wolfe Barry, Engineer to the Metropolitan and District Railways (City Lines and Extensions) submitting for approval a Plan and Section showing the mode in which it was proposed to drain the Railway at Dowgate-hill, and asking whether there was any risk of water backing up the Sewer and rising on the Railway; recommending the Board to sanction the proposed drainage of the Railway into their Sewer upon condition that it was ordinary drainage only, and that no hot water was discharged into the Sewer; and further recommending that Mr. Barry should be informed that the greatest height to which the water had risen during storms in the Low Level Sewer at the point to which he referred, was about 9 feet above Ordnance datum.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved; that the proposed drainage of the Railway be sanctioned, upon the conditions recommended in the Report, and that Mr. Barry be informed to the effect thereof.

22. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th December, 1883, submitting a Letter from Messrs. McCrea and McFarland, the Contractors for the construction of the Ranelagh and King's Scholars' Pond Sewers relief lines, asking permission to proceed with the works (in short lengths) continuously in Sloane-street during the next Summer, instead of suspending them from the 15th February to the 15th August, as provided by the Contract, and enclosing a copy of a Letter received by them from the Vestry of Chelsea, giving their consent to that arrangement; stating that he (the Engineer) proposed, under the powers given to him by the Contract, to grant the Contractors leave to go on with the works as far as Cadogan-place, North, reserving, however, the right to stop the work if, from any cause, he found it to be attended with serious inconvenience to the inhabitants of the street, or to the general public, and suggesting that it would not be necessary for the Board to make any order with regard to the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be received.

23. Read a Report by the Engineer, dated 20th December, 1883, submitting a Letter from the Surveyor to the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, asking, in the event of there being a heavy fall of Snow, that he might be allowed to cart it from the roads in their Parish, and throw it over the wall of the Victoria Embankment into the River; recommending that the permission should be granted, upon conditions similar to those upon which the Board had recently granted like permission to other Local Authorities, viz., that the Vestry shall properly protect the parapet wall and the foot-way from injury, that they shall make good any damage that may be done, and further that they shall obtain the sanction of the Thames Conservators to the casting of the Snow into the River.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the application be granted, on the conditions recommended therein.

24. The Solicitor reported that the Petitions for leave to introduce the Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Bill, and the Metropolitan Board of Works (Thames Crossings) Bill, together with copies of the Bills, had been deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons; that copies of the Bills had been deposited at the various Offices of the Public Departments, as required by the Standing Orders; and that the necessary Notices had been duly served upon the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of property affected by the Bills.

25. The Solicitor reported that the Petition for leave to introduce the Metropolitan Board of Works (District Railway Ventilators) Bill, together with a copy of the Bill, had been deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, and that copies of the Bill had been deposited at the Offices of the various Public Departments, as required by the Standing Orders.

26. Read a Report, as follows—

Spring-gardens,
21st December, 1883.

BILLS AFFECTING THE METROPOLIS..

I present a List of the following Bills which have been deposited for next Session, and which propose to authorise the construction of works, or contain provisions affecting the Metropolis. I have sent such copies of them as I have received to Sir Joseph Bazalgette, that he may prepare his usual Report, and I will forward to him the remainder immediately I receive them—

Alexandra Palace and Grounds.
City of London and Southwark Subway.
Cromwell-road Bridge.
Croydon Direct Railway.
Croydon, Norwood, Dulwich, and London Railway.
East London Railway.
East of London, Crystal Palace, and South-Eastern Junction Railway.
Edison and Swan United Electric Light Company (Limited).
Great Western Railway (No. 1).
Hammersmith and Fulham Recreation Ground.
Hendon Railway.
Isleworth Weir and Lock Commissioners.
Kensington Public Baths.
London and St. Katharine Docks Company.
London and North-Western Railway.
London and South-Western Railway (Various Powers).
London and South-Western and Metropolitan District Railway Companies.
London, Brighton and South Coast Railway (Various Powers).
London Central Electric Railway.
London, Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers).
London, Chatham, and Dover Railway (Shortlands and Nunhead).
London Open Spaces Preservation.
London, Reigate and Brighton Railway.
London, Tilbury and Southend Railway.
Lower Thames Steam Ferries.
Metropolis Water.
Metropolitan and London, Tilbury and Southend Railways.
Metropolitan District Railway.
Metropolitan Outer Circle Railway.
Metropolitan Railway (Park Railway and Parliament Street Improvement)
Metropolitan Railway (Various Powers).
Midland Railway (Additional Powers).
Mid-London Electric Railway.
North and South Woolwich Subway.
Sion College.
South-Eastern Railway (Various Powers).
Southwark and Vauxhall Water.
Thames Bridge Communications.
Thames Improvement Ferries and Road Communications East of London Bridge.
Tooting, Balham and Brixton Railway.
Tower Duplex Bridge.
United Telephone Company (Limited).
West Ham Local Board.
Wharves and Warehouses Steam Power and Hydraulic Pressure Company.
Woolwich Equitable Gas Company.

Tramways.

East London Tramways.
Lea Bridge, Leyton and Walthamstow Tramways.
London Southern Tramways Extensions.
London Street Tramways Extensions.
London Tramways Company (Limited).
North London Tramways.
North Metropolitan Tramways.
Peckham and East Dulwich Tramways.

South-Eastern Metropolitan Tramways.
South-Eastern Metropolitan (Lewisham, Greenwich and District) Tramways.
West Metropolitan Tramways.
Western District Tramways.

(Signed) REGINALD WARD,
Solicitor.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Report be approved, and that the said Bills be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them.

27. The Solicitor reported that it was probable that documents would require to be sealed on behalf of the Board before their next Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Chairman of the Board, or the Deputy-Chairman of the Works and General Purposes Committee, be authorised to do the following acts—that is to say, to give directions for the appointment of Arbitrators, and to affix the Seal of the Board to any Jury Warrants, Appointment of Arbitrators, Offers of Compensation, Deeds, Agreements, and documents which may be necessary, as matters of emergency, to seal before the next Meeting of the Board, and to make application to the Board of Trade, and to appoint an Umpire in all cases of emergency.

28. The Solicitor presented the following documents for sealing—

Contract with Messrs. J. and J. Greenwood for the construction and erection of Band-stands in Finsbury and Southwark Parks.

Contract with Messrs. J. Mowlem and Co., for the formation of carriage-ways and foot-ways and the execution of other works in Wentworth-street and adjoining streets in the Goulston-street and Flower and Dean-street areas (Goulston-street, &c., Scheme, under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act).

Contract with Messrs. J. Mowlem and Co., for the execution of General Works in District "A."

Building Agreement between the Goldsmith's Company and the Board for a Lease of the Fire Brigade Station to be erected on the site of Nos. 23, 24, 25 and 26, Bishopsgate-street.

Conveyance to the Peabody Trustees of certain land adjoining their land in Peabody-square, and formerly known as No. 6, Paradise-cottages, Islington, and a Memorial thereof for registration, (Essex-road Scheme under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act).

Appointment of Mr. Vulliamy as Valuer in the claim by Mrs. H. Watkins in respect of No. 48, Dudley-street and No. 2, Little Earl-street, St. Giles' (Piccadilly to Bloomsbury Improvement).

Seven Leases to Mr. E. Bird of Plots Nos. 29 to 34 in High-street, Peckham (Camberwell and Peckham Improvement).

Conveyance to Mrs. E. Bagot of Plots Nos. 62, 63, and 64, Tite-street, Chelsea (Chelsea Embankment).

License, in duplicate, to Mr. T. Hastings to maintain an opening and gateway from the premises known as Sydney Lodge, in Purrett-road, on to Plumstead-common.

Releases, in duplicate, by the Great Northern Railway Company and the Board of the annual payment of £82, hitherto payable by the Board for the right to maintain the Bridge carrying Clerkenwell-road over the land of the Company (Old-street to Oxford-street Improvement).

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said documents respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

29. The Solicitor reported that W. Manning, Messenger in his Department, had been absent since the 10th instant in consequence of illness, and that he had sent in a medical Certificate, and would probably be able to resume his duties on the 31st instant.

30. The Solicitor reported that since the last Meeting of the Board the Chairman had affixed the Seal to the provisional Agreement with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners with respect to Streatham-common.

31. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the period for the re-payment of the Loan of £100,000 to the School Board for London, and he suggested that this Board should now draw a Cheque for the amount, and also a Cheque for £125 for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage-deed.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a Cheque for the sum of £100,000 be now drawn in favour of the School Board for London; and a Cheque for £125 for the Stamp-duty on the Mortgage-deed; and Cheques were drawn on the General Capital Account and the General Working Account accordingly.

32. The Solicitor reported that the Treasury had approved of the periods for the re-payment of the undermentioned Loans, viz.—

	Amount of Loan.
Metropolitan Asylum District	... £14,125 0 0
Ditto do.	... 12,000 0 0
Woolwich Local Board	... 2,000 0 0

and he suggested that the Board should now draw Cheques for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That Cheques for the sums of £14,125, £12,000 and £2,000 respectively, be now drawn in favour of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District and the Woolwich Local Board of Health; and Cheques were drawn on the General Capital Account, and the Consolidated Loans Fund accordingly.

33. The Solicitor reported that the arrangements for the Loans of £7,000, £3,000, and £1,000 to the Wandsworth District Board had been completed, and that the Cheques had been duly handed over in exchange for the securities.

34. The Clerk laid before the Board copies of the Orders of the Board of the 7th instant (No. 9), for the re-naming, &c., of the following thoroughfares, together with copies of the Plans referred to in such Orders, viz.—

Clapham-road (part)	Wandsworth.
Marlborough-place, &c.	Paddington.
Cranbrook-place, &c.	Bethnal-green.
Alma-road	do.
Sterne-street, &c., Hammersmith	Fulham.
Wharf-road, &c., do.	do.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Orders and Plans respectively; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

35. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Lee, General Manager and Secretary of the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, dated 12th December, 1883, offering to provide, erect and maintain, without cost to the Board, a handsome and costly polished granite Fountain on Hackney-downs, as shown by the design and Plan accompanying the Letter.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Parks, Commons and Open Spaces Committee, for consideration, with authority to accept the offer and to carry out the necessary arrangements.

36. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. G. W. Murnane, Clerk to the Vestry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, dated 14th December, 1883, in favour of the Memorial from the Wandsworth District Board, praying this Board to bring in a Bill in the next Session of Parliament to provide that the Metropolitan Water Companies should be compelled to supply Water by meter at a fixed rate to any person requiring the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

37. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. Reeve, Clerk to the Vestry of Putney, dated 14th December, 1883, with a copy of a Resolution of the Vestry, stating that it was desirable that the widening of the Lower Richmond-road, between the High-street and Windsor-street, should be proceeded with at once, and that the clearance of the buildings purchased by the Board for the new Bridge approaches, and the erection of new buildings on that site should be completed as early as possible, and that the Vestry had appointed a Committee to watch over and promote those objects, and to confer with the Board thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

38. The Clerk presented a Letter from W. Bullock, formerly a Police-constable, who, whilst on duty at Hammersmith Bridge, fell through the foot-way of the Bridge, and sustained injuries which necessitated his discharge from the Police, and who had since been temporarily employed in the Superintending Architect's Department, asking for a consideration of his case with a view to a more permanent position being assured to him, and also asking for some increase of his pay, which was 24s. a week.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report.

39. The Clerk presented a Letter from the Rev. W. Calvert, Vicar of St. Peter's, Dulwich-common, dated 15th December, 1883, and Letters from Messrs. H. B. Clarke and Son, dated 17th December, 1883, transmitting a Memorial from the owners and occupiers of houses in Wood-vale and Westhall-road, Camberwell, urging the Board, for the reasons stated, to withold their consent to the proposed extension of the Peckham and East Dulwich Tramways.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters and Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which they relate.

40. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. R. Payne, dated 15th December, 1883, objecting to interference with the Churchyard in carrying out the Upper-street, Islington, Improvement, and suggesting, by a Plan, how such interference might be avoided.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration.

41. The Clerk presented Letters from Mr. G. Knott, dated 1st December, 1883, and Mr. R. Dethridge, dated 15th December, 1883, employed at the Southwark-street Gas-meter Testing-house, applying for the appointment of Gas-meter Inspector at the Station, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. G. Dethridge.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letters be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration in connection with the reference already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

42. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Searle, Secretary of the New River Company, dated 17th December, 1883, calling attention to the proposal of the Company

to give a constant supply of Water in a section of the Parish of St. Pancras on the 12th March next, and requesting to be informed of the wishes of the Board with regard to the Fire Hydrants, which it would be necessary to substitute for the existing plugs.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer and Captain Shaw do report to the Committee thereon.

43. The Clerk presented a Letter, as follows—

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street,
Westminster, S.W.
18th December, 1883.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT LOANS.

DEAR SIR,—We are instructed by the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District to make application to the Metropolitan Board of Works for the balance of the Loans your Board is authorised to advance to the Managers for the present year, namely, fourteen thousand five hundred and thirty pounds (£14,530).

Herewith we transmit an Order of the Local Government Board, dated the 11th instant, authorising the borrowing of the following sums, namely—

1. For the erection of administrative buildings at Long-reach	£4,000
2. For the erection of Pier at Long-reach	4,800
	£8,800

Application is now being made to the Local Government Board to sanction the expenditure of a sum of thirteen thousand pounds (£13,000) for the purchase of additional freehold land, and as these sums will more than cover the balance authorised to be raised from your Board, we will thank you to submit this application to the Board at their next Meeting.

On hearing from you the terms on which the Loan will be entertained, we will proceed to obtain the consent of the Local Government Board to the mode proposed for re-payment.

Yours, &c.,
(Signed) CHAS. ROGERS SONS AND RUSSELL.

J. E. Wakefield, Esq.
Clerk to the Metropolitan Board of Works,
Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Finance Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect and the Accountant do report to the Committee thereon.

44. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. E. Salway, Clerk to the Vestry of Chelsea, dated 19th December, 1883, stating that the Vestry had refused their consent to the West Metropolitan Tramways (extension), so far as it related to the proposed Tramway from Pimlico-road to Stamford Bridge; that they had given their consent to the scheme so far as it related to the section in the Chelsea portion of the Harrow-road; and that they had refused their consent to the Western District Tramways; and intimating their dissent from the Thames Crossings Bill, so far as it related to Battersea Bridge.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee and the Parliamentary Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Engineer do report to the Committee thereon.

45. Mr. Munro, on behalf of Mr. Fairclough, handed in a Memorial, as follows—

To the Honourable the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Memorial of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint George-in-the-East.

SHEWETH,—

That your Memorialists have jurisdiction over the Parish of St. George-in-the-East, comprising a population of about 47,000 inhabitants, which population is rapidly increasing, and having an area of 244 acres, and a rateable value of £203,595.

That your Memorialists have had under consideration the injustice of the charges made by the Water Company which supplies their District with water, such charges being generally based upon the gross value of the houses and property supplied in addition to further extra charges which are sanctioned by the Legislature in respect to baths, additional water-closets, stabling, &c.

That numerous cases occur in which the annual value of premises bears no relation whatever to the quantity of water consumed therein, and your Memorialists are of opinion that the consumers should have the right to require water to be supplied by meter.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray your Honourable Board to bring in a Bill in the next Session of Parliament to provide that the Metropolitan Water Companies shall be bound to supply water by meter at a fixed rate to any person requiring the same.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Sealed by Order,

(Signed) THOS. G. HARRISON,
Vestry Clerk.

L. S.

20th November, 1883.

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded, and resolved—That the Memorial be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject to which it relates.

46. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. H. Lovegrove, dated 20th December, 1883, on behalf of the Owners of the Standard Theatre, giving notice of appeal against the requirements contained in the Board's Notice of the 18th instant, as to certain structural alterations to be made at the Theatre.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, and to the Solicitor.

47. The Clerk presented a Letter from Messrs. Stevens, Bawtree and Stevens, dated 20th December, 1883, asking for an interview with the Board for the purpose of laying before them a Scheme for Thames Bridge communications, and of explaining the same.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, in connection with the references already made to them on the subject, and that the Committee be authorised to confer with the parties, if desirable.

48. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. J. Crouch, Secretary of the Peabody Trustees, dated 20th December, 1883, transmitting a Plan showing the manner in which the Trustees proposed to deal with the Coram-street site, and asking the Board to approve of the buildings to be erected thereon, in pursuance of the Scheme under the Artizans', &c., Dwellings Act, and also to obtain the sanction of the Home Secretary thereto.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, for consideration, with authority to act upon any Resolution at which they may arrive with regard thereto.

49. The Clerk presented a Letter from Mr. W. Adkins, dated 18th December, 1883, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of ratepayers and freeholders of property in Oxford-street, in opposition to the proposed Mid-London Electric Railway Scheme, and asking the Board to co-operate in opposing the Scheme.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said Letter be referred to the Works and General Purposes Committee, and the Parliamentary Committee for consideration and report.

50. The Chemical Assistant laid before the Board his Return of the Testings made at the Gas Testing Stations during the week ended on the 11th instant, as follows—

Company.	District.	Illuminating Power. (In Standard Sperm Candles.)			Sulphur. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Ammonia. (Grains in 100 cubic feet of Gas.)			Sulphuretted Hydrogen.
		Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Max.	Min.	Mean.	
Gas Light and Coke Company	Notting-hill ..	17·3	16·6	16·9	7·9	6·5	7·2	0·6	0·3	0·4	None.
	Camden ..	17·0	16·3	16·6	10·5	9·0	9·5	0·3	0·0	0·1	„
	Dalston ..	17·5	16·5	16·9	11·4	8·8	9·9	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Bow	17·6	16·8	17·2	18·5	12·9	14·5	0·8	0·5	0·6	„
	Chelsea	17·0	16·2	16·6	17·5	15·9	16·6	0·0	0.0	0·0	„
	Kingsland-road	17·4	16·5	17·1	14·3	9·8	11·7	0·0	0·0	0·0	„
	Westminster (Cannel Gas)..	21·2	20·7	20·9	15·1	13·0	14·2	0·4	0·0	0·1	„
South Metropolitan Gas Company ..	Peckham ..	16·7	16·3	16·5	14·0	11·2	12·8	0.5	0·0	0·3	„
	Tooley-street ..	16·2	15·7	16·1	13·2	10·2	11·8	0·3	0·0	0·2	„
	Clapham ..	16·6	15·9	16·2	14·6	11·0	13·3	0·2	0·0	0·0	„
	Lewisham ..	16·9	16·5	16·6	9·4	5·9	8·1	1·4	0·6	0·8	„
Commercial Gas Company	Old Ford ..	Station closed for repairs.									
	St. George-in-the-East ..	17·2	16·2	16·7	14·3	10·1	12·1	0·3	0·1	0·2	„

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company in Lordship-road, Stoke Newington, on the 17th instant at 7 p.m., was 1·5 inch.

The pressure of the Gas as supplied by the Gas Light and Coke Company in New North-road, Shoreditch, on the 18th instant at 8.30 p.m., was 2.1 inches.

51. Islington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Hammond, on behalf of Mr. G. Gotelee, for the consent of the Board to the erection of an addition to No. 93, Highbury-new-park, at the corner of Balfour-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

52. Lambeth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th December, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. J. A. J. Woodward, District Surveyor, relative to the erection of a building upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 67, South Lambeth-road, without the consent of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the matter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report, and that the Superintending Architect, and the Solicitor do report to the Committee thereon.

53. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. H. Chaney, on behalf of Mr. A. Smith, for the consent of the Board to the erection of two one-storey shops upon portions of the forecourts of Nos. 7 and 8, Whittington-terrace, London-road, Forest-hill to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

54. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. S. S. Bannister, on behalf of Mr. Cove, for the consent of the Board to the erection of houses, with shops, on the West side of Carlton-terrace, between No. 20, Carlton-terrace and the corner of Harrow-road, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

55. Paddington.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 27th November, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Drew and Cadman, on behalf of Mr. W. Owen, for

the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey shop upon the forecourt of No. 5, Hatherley-grove, Westbourne-grove, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

56. Shoreditch.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 14th November, 1883, on the application of Mr. H. Doubleday, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a covered way and bay-window in front of No. 147, Kingsland-road, to the lines shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

57. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Shaw, on behalf of Dr. Ford, for the consent of the Board to the erection of a one-storey bay-window upon a portion of the forecourt of No. 22, Gloucester-crescent, Regent's-park, to the line shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the erection be made in entire conformity with the letter of application, and as shown on the Plan accompanying it, and be not at any time, in any manner, altered or raised without the consent of this Board.

58. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Hobbs, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to two houses and a coach-house in Deepdene-road, Coventry-park, Streatham.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

59. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 18th December, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. R. Winder, relative to the proposed erection of buildings on the East side of Bolingbroke-grove, at the corner of Nightingale-lane.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Letter be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

60. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Milledge, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a barge-board to a house in Blackshaw-road, Tooting.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

61. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. W. P. Miller, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to two houses on the East side of Baskerville-road, Wandsworth-common.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

62. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th December, 1883, on a Letter from Mr. F. T. Dollman, stating that the temporary iron Church in Overbury-street, Lower Clapton, had been removed, and requesting the return of the deposit of £50.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, and seconded—That the application be referred to the Building Act Committee, for consideration and report.

An amendment thereon was moved by Mr. Runtz, and seconded by Mr. Brown—That the application be acceded to, upon the Superintending Architect reporting that the Church has been removed.

The amendment having been put to the vote, it was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote, and declared by the Chairman to be carried; and it was resolved accordingly.

63. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Messrs. Snooke and Stock, on behalf of Mr. M. Batten, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a chimney-shaft to a factory in Ilderton-road.

It was moved by Mr. Tolhurst, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, upon condition that the foundation of the proposed shaft be made in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act, 1855, and to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor, according to law, and that the superstructure be also erected to his satisfaction.

64. St. Pancras.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. G. Hare, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an enclosure to stairs of workshops at No. 26, Calthorpe-street, Gray's-inn-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

65. City of London.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. B. Marsh, on behalf of the City of London Real Property Company (Limited), for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a building at Laurence Pountney-hill, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

66. City of London.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. R. J. Worley, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a building in Northumberland-alley, Fenchurch-street, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

67. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. E. Conder, on behalf of Mr. H. Mason, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of a building at No. 293, Kingsland-road, with openings in excess of the limit prescribed by the 13th Section of the Building Act, 1855.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

68. Hackney.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Hamilton, on behalf of Mr. J. Harper, for approval by the Board of an amended Plan for the construction of an open shed at the rear of houses in Amhurst-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

69. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th December 1883, on the application of Mr. R. Wright, on behalf of Mr. Tye, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an open shed in a stable yard at the rear of houses in Dartmouth-road, Forest-hill.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

70. Greenwich.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. Whichcord, District Surveyor, for the appointment by the Board of a Fee for a special service performed by him in superintending the fixing of a heating apparatus at St. Mark's Church, in Edward-street, Deptford.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the District Surveyor be authorised to demand and receive a Fee of 40s. in respect of the special service referred to.

71. Lewisham.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. C. J. Pawley, for approval by the Board of the erection of three houses at Anerley-hill, with spaces at the rear thereof, as shown upon the Plan accompanying the application.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be not granted.

72. St. Saviour's, Southwark.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. F. Harger, on behalf of Messrs. Bennett and Co., for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of an iron boiler-house at Hanbury's Wharf, Blackfriars-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

73. Wandsworth.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 19th December, 1883, on the application of Mr. J. W. Brooker, on behalf of Mr. Whitby, for approval by the Board of a Plan for the construction of barge-boards to four villas in Mount Nod-road, Upper Tooting.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the application be granted, on condition that the whole of the work be executed to the satisfaction of the District Surveyor.

74. Rotherhithe.—Read a Report by the Superintending Architect, dated 20th December, 1883, submitting, for the Seal of the Board, a License in respect of a temporary iron building to be erected in Verney-road.

It was moved by Mr. Shepherd, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said License; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

75. The Board proceeded to further consider the Memorial from ratepayers of the Old-street Ward of the Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, praying the Board to increase the number of Vestrymen assigned to the Wards of the Parish.

Read Letters, as follows—

95, Old Street, St. Luke's,
Middlesex, E.C.

From the St. Luke's Ratepayers' Protection Society to the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

GENTLEMEN,

I am desired by the Finance Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter. They, the Executive, have had it under their consideration.

They consider the distribution at present is not in compliance with the Act of Parliament, viz., Sec. 5, 18 19 Vic., cap. 120, Local Metropolis Management Acts.

While submitting to the ruling of your Honourable Board, we beg to suggest that it would be more equitable to give the majority the largest number of representatives.

Therefore we feel confident that West Finsbury Ward is over and above represented according to its population as reported, they at present having 12 representatives, and only a little over 9,000 population; while No. 2, Old-street Ward, has but 6, and nearly 12,000 population. We, therefore, respectfully beg to suggest that Old-street Ward should have at least 12, in accordance with other representations, and it would be an act of injustice to the other Wards to give West Finsbury Ward the 15, as suggested, instead of 12. We, therefore, say, give Old-street Ward 12, and let West Finsbury Ward remain as it is.

The Executive Committee will avail themselves of your offer to attend prior to your Honourable Board making the final Order, as suggested in your last communication.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) WILLIAM BISHOP,
President of the St. Luke's Ratepayers' Protection Society.

Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex.

Vestry Clerk's Office,
Vestry Hall, City-road, E.C.,
5th December, 1883.

SIR,—Your Letter of the 28th November ultimo, stating, for the information of the Vestry, the proposed alterations about to be made in the number of the Vestrymen of this Parish, was laid before the Vestry at their Meeting yesterday, when the following Resolution was passed—

RESOLVED,—"That in view of the present circumstances it is inexpedient that any "alteration in the number of Vestrymen should be made."

Will you be good enough to communicate this expression of the opinion of the Vestry to the Board in due course.

I am, &c.,
G. W. PRESTON,
Vestry Clerk.

The Clerk,
Metropolitan Board of Works, Spring-gardens, S.W.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the application of certain ratepayers of the Old-street Ward of the Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, for an alteration of the number of Vestrymen assigned to the several Wards of the Parish be acceded to, and that the following alterations be made—

No. of Ward.			
1.	City-road West Ward	to remain as at present	12
2.	Old-street ,,	to be altered from	6 to 9
3.	City-road East ,,	,,	9 to 12
4.	West Finsbury ,,	,,	12 to 15
5.	East Finsbury ,,	,,	9 to 12

The Clerk laid before the Board a form of Order, which had been prepared by the Solicitor, for giving effect to the foregoing Resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the said form of Order be approved and adopted, and it was thereupon resolved and ordered as follows—

Whereas the Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, as defined by the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, was at the passing of that Act, divided into five Wards. And whereas application has been made to the Metropolitan Board of Works by certain Ratepayers of the Old-street Ward of the said Parish, to increase the number of Vestrymen representing the said Parish, and to apportion them amongst the respective Wards of the said Parish. And whereas from the account taken of the population, by the authority of Parliament, in the year 1881, the relative numbers of the inhabited houses in the several Wards of the Parish are found to have varied from those shown by the last previous Census. And whereas the said Board having, in compliance with the said application taken into consideration the matters thereof, and having had regard to, and weighed, and considered the several matters required by law in that behalf, hereby Resolve and Order that the number of the Vestrymen assigned to the several Wards of the said Parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, be altered as follows, that is to say—

1. City-road, West Ward	...	12	as at present	12
2. Old-street Ward	...	9	instead of	6
3. City-road, East Ward	...	12	,,	9
4. West Finsbury Ward	...	15	,,	12
5. East Finsbury Ward	...	12	,,	9
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And such assignments for the said Wards respectively are hereby accordingly ordered and made.

The Clerk laid before the Board a copy, in duplicate, of the foregoing Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copy of Order, in duplicate; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a copy of the foregoing Order be sent to the Vestry of St. Luke, Middlesex.

76. The Board proceeded to consider the application of the Vestry of Fulham, for a division of the Parish into Wards.

Commissary-General Downs appeared in support of the application.

The Clerk reported that since the Notices with respect to the application had been published, in accordance with the Board's Resolution, the Solicitor had considered it desirable to make slight alterations in the descriptions given in the Notices, so far as they related to the boundaries proposed for the South Fulham and North-end and Walham Wards, with a view to more distinctly defining the boundaries of those Wards.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved and ordered, as follows—

Whereas by the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862, Section 41, it is enacted that "When at any time, upon any account taken of the population by the "authority of Parliament, any of the Parishes within the Metropolis not now divided "into Wards for the purpose of electing Vestrymen, shall be found to contain more "than two thousand rated Householders, it shall be lawful for the Metropolitan Board "of Works, upon the application, in writing, of the Vestry, or of not less than five "hundred rated Householders of the Parish, to divide such Parish into Wards, "and to determine and set out the number, extent, limits, and boundary lines "of such Wards, but so, nevertheless, that no Ward shall contain less than five "hundred rated Householders, and that the whole number of Wards shall not "exceed Eight; and the Metropolitan Board shall apportion among the several "Wards the number of Vestrymen to be elected for such Parish, and shall, in "assigning the number of Vestrymen to each Ward, have regard, as far as in their

"judgment is practicable, as well to the number of persons rated to the relief of the "Poor in each Ward, as to the aggregate amount of the sums at which all such persons "are rated, and the number of Vestrymen assigned to each Ward shall be a number "divisible by Three." And whereas the Parish of Fulham is within the limits of the Metropolis, as defined by the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and is one of the Parishes in Part 1 of Schedule B of that Act, and at the passing of the same Act the Parish was not divided into Wards, and the Vestry of the Parish of Fulham having now applied to us, the Metropolitan Board of Works, to divide the said Parish into Wards, pursuant to the provisions of the said 41st Section of the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862. And whereas it appears from the last account taken of the population, by the authority of Parliament, that the said Parish contains 5,208 rated householders, and that the number of inhabited houses in the Parish is returned at 2,852, and the ratable annual value of property at £198,332. Now, the Metropolitan Board of Works, having considered the said application, and having ascertained from the said last account taken of the population, by the authority of Parliament, as contained in the Census Return for the year 1881, that the number of rated householders for the Parish of Fulham, is 5,208, and having taken into consideration the number of persons rated to the relief of the Poor in the same Parish, and the aggregate amount of the sums at which all such persons are rated, and all the circumstances connected with such application, doth hereby Order that the said Parish of Fulham be divided into Three Wards, to be distinguished by the names mentioned in the first column of the undermentioned Schedule, that the extent, limits, and boundary lines of such Wards shall be those described in the second column of the said Schedule, and that the number of Vestrymen to be elected for each of the said Wards shall be the number mentioned in the third column of the said Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE above referred to.

COLUMN I. Names distinguishing Wards.	COLUMN II. Extent, Limits, and Boundary Lines of Wards.	COLUMN III. Number of Vestrymen to be elected in Wards.
North-end Ward	All that portion of the Parish of Fulham which lies South of the Northern boundary of the Parish, East of the River Thames, North of the centre of Crab-tree-lane, Crown and Lillie Roads, and West of the Eastern boundary of the Parish, Northwards of Lillie-road	27
Walham Ward	All that portion of the Parish of Fulham which lies South of the centre of Crab-tree-lane, Crown and Lillie Roads, East of the River Thames, North and North-West of the Metropolitan District Railway Extension to Old Fulham, and West of the Eastern boundary of the Parish between Lillie-road and the aforesaid Railway	27
South Fulham Ward	All the remaining portion of the Parish lying between the above-mentioned Railway Extension and the River Thames	18
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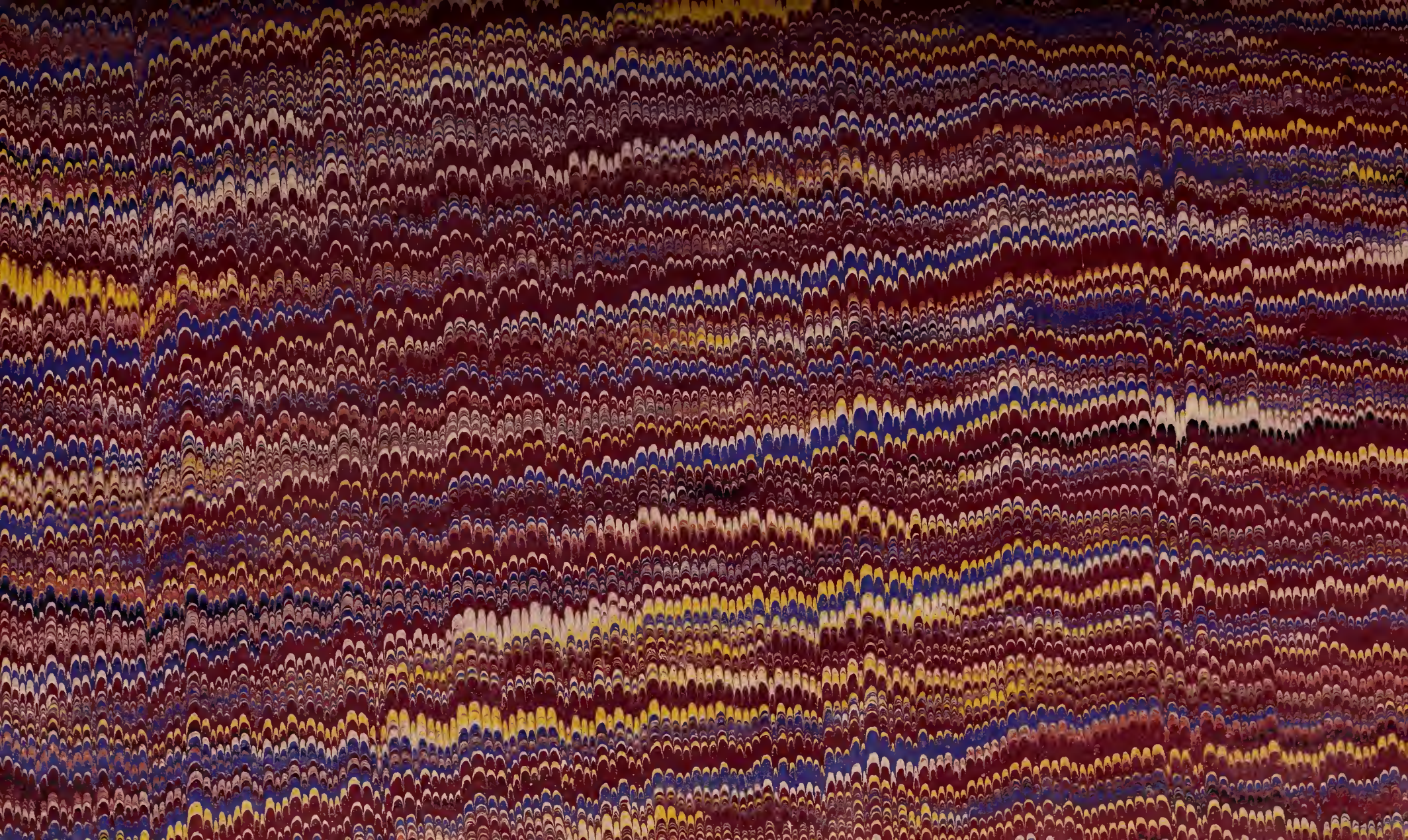
It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That a copy of the foregoing Order be sent to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, for his approval, and to the Vestry Clerk of the Parish of Fulham, and that the same be published in the "London Gazette," in conformity with the provisions of the 41st Section of the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862.

The Solicitor laid before the Board four copies of the said Order.

It was moved by Mr. Selway, seconded, and resolved—That the Common Seal of the Board be affixed to the said copies of Order; and the Seal was affixed accordingly.

Adjourned until Friday, the 4th January, 1884, at this Office, at Twelve o'clock at noon.



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